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REAR-ADMIRAL MITSUNAMI RECALLED

Tokyo, To-day.

"Acting swiftly in accordance with the pledge to punish the officers responsible for bombing and sinking of the Panay, the Japanese Navy has recalled Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, Chief of Aerial Operations," says a semi-official Japanese statement.

The statement adds that the officer will be relieved of his post.—Reuter.

"TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO NANKING"

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Japanese reports, General Matsui will personally lead "thousands of Japanese troops in triumphant entry into Nanking, China's abandoned capital," tomorrow.

The reports say that a galaxy of military officers, including Prince Asaka, member of the Supreme War Council, will also take part in the parade through the streets of Nanking.

During the march through the city, "no less than 200 military and naval aircraft will roar overhead celebrating this epochal achievement of the Japanese armed forces."

At the same time, Japanese officials and residents in Shanghai will assemble at the Shinto Shrine at Kiangwan to mark the "momentous occasion."—Reuter.

CLEANING UP MESS

Shanghai, To-day.

General Matsui, making his official entry into Nanking to-morrow, will drive to the former Chinese capital by motor-car along the Shanghai-Nanking highway from his headquarters, situated somewhere between Shanghai and Soochow.

He will be accompanied by a detachment of marines and sailors while naval planes will hover overhead.

Japanese troops in Nanking, said a spokesman to-day, are making feverish preparations to "clean up the mess" in Nanking before to-morrow.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE GET SHOCKS IN SURPRISE ATTACK

NOT YET IN FULL CONTROL IN NANKING AREA

Hankow, To-day.

That Chinese resistance has by no means flagged as result of the fall of Nanking, is indicated by the intensive activity now going on in strengthening further booms across the Yangtse and in improving the defence lines of Hankow.

The new Chinese lines now extend from a point near Lukang to Ningkuo, Chingteh and Hweit-chow.

Through this line, which extends in a north-south direction, it is hoped to prevent the Japanese from penetrating further into the south-western areas.

Southern end of the defence line penetrates into the Yellow Mountains, which through their unscalable cliffs and wild valleys, are expected to afford the Chinese great strategical advantages.

CHINESE COUP

Fighting was reported yesterday from Shuanchen district, where Chinese troops launched a surprise attack on a lone Japanese detachment.

Taken by surprise the Japanese were finally forced to retreat, leaving several field-guns and machine-guns behind.

Several clashes also occurred in territory surrounding Nanking where the Japanese are not yet in complete possession.

BID FOR NANCHANG?

Japanese troop concentrations between Shanghai and Hangchow near Wushingtai Lake, seem to indicate that preparations are being made for an advance on Nanchang.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE PLAN OF ATTACK

Hankow, To-day.

Chinese reports state that Japanese troops, after the occupation of Nanking, are now advancing northward by three routes.

NORTH CHINA AGAIN SHAKES TO BIG GUNS

Peiping, To-day.

After a respite of many weeks, the roar of battle is again being heard north of the Yellow River, where Japanese troops this morning were thrown into battle against Chinese provincial troops.

Fighting of a severe nature is proceeding from the mouth of the Yellow River into Shansi province.

The main body of the Japanese troops is pushing down from North Honan, with the flanks spreading fanwise East and West.

Particularly heavy fighting is reported from the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Railway zones, though no details are available.—Our Own Correspondent.

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ing or looking a fool. Otherwise what should be a pleasure will be a burden.

Many "occasional dancers" never really dance at all! They simply walk fore and back to music! They're ballroom dance pedestrians.

The quickest and easiest way to replace marching with dancing is to learn some of the figures of the Quickstep, the world's most popular dance, and one which can be turned to useful account in all sorts of ways.

For instance, at the majority of dances, whether they are public or private functions, most bands play fox-trots during the evening. These fox-trots are played

The bands everywhere play more music suitable for the Quickstep than slower dances, it is the best balance for the beginner or for those who can't devote much time to dancing.

This dance is centred round the following and being preceded by

its name arises from the fact that during the first four steps there is a quarter turn to the right, while on the second four steps there's a

turn to the left. Here are steps are the exact opposite of the movements of the feet:

QUICKSTEP QUARTER TURNS MAN'S STEPS

1. Step forward with the right foot, turning on it to the right Slow
2. Step to the side with the left foot, continuing to turn Quick
3. Close the right foot to the left foot Quick
4. Step diagonally back with the left foot Slow
5. Step back with the right foot, turning on it to the left Slow
6. Short step to the side with the left foot Quick
7. Close the right foot to the left foot Quick
8. Step forward with the left foot Slow

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You begin and end this figure facing diagonally to the wall—half facing the wall, that is. The girl's

man's.

Thus she starts by stepping back with her left foot and finishes by stepping back with her right foot.

There you have the Quarter Turns in the simplest possible form, but once you have mastered the figure along these lines the man can do a heel pivot on six and seven, for this gives to the movement a more polished appearance.

To do this he should, on the sixth and seventh step (quick, quick) close the left foot back to the right foot, at the same time turning to the left on the right heel.

This seems difficult, I know, when tried slowly, but with the quicker movement of actual dancing the heel pivot soon becomes quite simple.

Once you have mastered this figure you can dance! You'll find it a refreshing change from walking round the ballroom — and so will your partners!

— VICTOR SILVESTER

A NEW IDEA FOR APPLES

A reader writes:—"I'm tired of just stewed apples, can you suggest another way of using them?" So here is a recipe for apples that is different:

APPLE HEDGEHOG

Six cooking apples, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter, three cupfuls water, three marshmallows, half cupful syrup, one tablespoonful castor sugar, six tiny sprigs of mint.

Choose large equal-sized apples. Core and pare carefully.

Place apples in a deep-buttered fireproof dish one inch apart. Mix syrup and water together and heat. When warm, pour the mixture round apples.

Place in a steamer or on the rack, in a casserole or oven cooker, containing water below. Cover and steam gently till tender, or cook in the oven till tender.

Remove dish from oven or steamer, leave apples till cold, then lift into a cut-crystal dish. Stick them evenly all over with blanched, split almonds. Fill centres with chopped marsh-mallow.

Drain juice from apples into a saucepan. Add syrup to the juice from the apples to make a cupful of sauce. Turn into a saucepan. Add butter and sugar. Stir till boiling. Boil till thick.

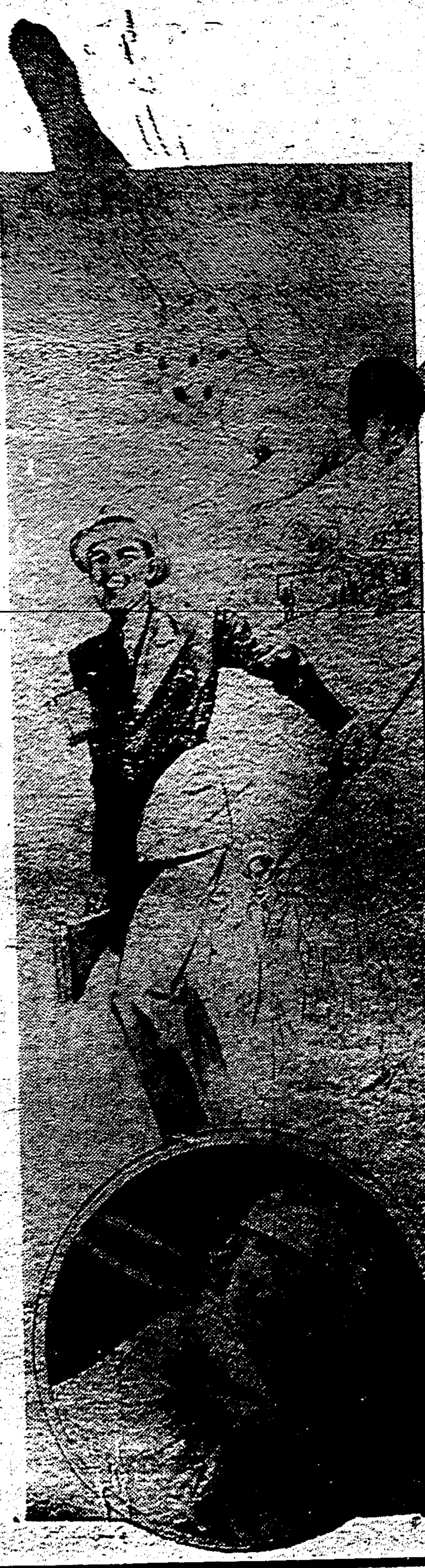
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How many men of 74 can say they are as well now as at any time in their lives? Here is one who can—although he had rheumatism fifteen years ago. Kruischen Salts soon stopped that, and they have kept him fit ever since. This is an extract from a letter just received from him:

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12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano).
12.40 p.m.—Latest Dance Records.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
"The Flower Of Hawaii"—Selection (Abraham)...with Comedy Harmonists (Quartet in German).
The Skaters—Waltz (GungT).
Talkie Hits—Medley, 1932 (Borchert).
"Fanfare"—Selection.
Tales Of Autumn—Waltz (Waldeufel).
Blonde Or Brunette—Waltz (Waldeufel).
1.30 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—New Variety Records.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-8.05 p.m.—European Programme.
8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Concert.
6.45 p.m.—Light Opera.
"Merrie England" (German).
Waltz Song.
"The Maid of the Mountains" (Fraser-Simson).

BRIDGE NOTES

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Love Will Find A Way...Helene Esserman (Soprano).
A Country Girl—Selection (Monckton)...London Theatre Orchestra.
The Beggar Student (Millock-Zell-Genée).
Ich Knüppte manche zarte Bande Ich hab' kein Gold, bin vogelfrei Hans Fidesser (Tenor).
7.06 p.m.—New Variety.
Organ—Dixon Hits No. 16 Reginald Dixon
Orchestra—
The Acacia Blossoms Twice; More Stars Than There Are In The Sky.
Once I Had A Dear Mother, The Sun Is In Love With The Moon Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
Vocal—
Sea Winds (Askew-Harrison).
Full Sail (Graves-Buck)...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
7.25 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.30 p.m.—Orchestral.
Medea—Overture (Cherubini).
Milan Symphony Orchestra Cond: Lorenzo Molajoli
"Portsmouth Point" Overture (Wal-

By ELY CULBERTSON

Styles In Bidding

Several years ago a spectacular style of bidding became very popular, wherein one player would pass a powerful hand in first or second position, and the partner would open in third or fourth position with practically nothing. This method was very effective against weak players, and large penalties would often accrue to the side lying in ambush when an unsuspecting opponent would become unduly optimistic about his hand because there seemed to be no opposition bidding.

After opponents realised these tactics they were soon found to be very ineffective, since the player passing the big hand would lose the tremendous advantage of getting in first bid. For instance, here is an example of a terrific swing against a pair playing this system.

North, dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

S—J 10 9
H—K 9 6 5
D—K Q 8 4 3
C—9

S—A 8 7 2 N S—K Q 6 5 4
H—8 3 2 W E H—A 7
D—7 5 S D—2
C—A Q J 8 C—K 10 6 3 2

S—3
H—Q J 10 4
D—A J 10 9 6
C—7 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 D	Pass
3 D	Pass	3 H	Pass
4 H	Pass	Pass	Pass

In second position East should have opened with one spade, and his pass allowed South to make a lead-directing bid of one diamond. West was too weak to take any action, and North promptly jumped to three diamonds. It was now too dangerous for East to bid spades at the level of three, so he was forced to pass, and South, fearing that if he dropped the bidding his West oppo-

ent would reopen, decided to continue the bluff with a bid of three hearts.

North, of course, had no means of knowing that his partner had no bid at all, and naturally raised to four hearts—a contract which South made with no difficulty.

South's daring had brought a magnificent result. Not only had he kept his opponents, who could have made five spades, from entering the bidding at all, but instead of incurring a small penalty, as he had expected, was able to make a game for his own side! In the last analysis failure by East to open the bidding with a fair two-suiter was the dominating factor.

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Answers To Correspondents

Will you please give me your version of the following hands:

S—K 9 5 4 Y S—
H—8 A B H—J 10 7
D—K J 8 7 Z D—A 6 5 4 3
C—A K Q J C—7 6 5 4 2

A and B are partners and have decided on the one club convention, specifying a one-club call on three quick tricks, with a response of two quick tricks. The position is legal, with the opponents 30 on.

What I would like your opinion on is:

- (1) A's opening call
- (2) If A opens one no-trumps and Y calls two spades, what should B call?
- (3) If B passes two spades and Z calls three spades, what must A do? Supposing A doubles three spades, what must B do?
JAYESSE
- (1) A should bid one no-trumps.
- (2) B should then bid three diamonds.
- (3) A must pass. If A doubles three spades, B must pass.

Today's Wireless

English Ballads:
Light Opera:
New Variety

G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben Themes of London.
A new radio potpourri.
9.15 a.m.—Food for Thought.
9.35 a.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—The Chamber Music of Schubert.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 2
Frequencies
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (18.33 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben English Country Dances.
11.15 a.m.—Jack Hill and his Music.
11.30 a.m.—To be announced.
11.45 a.m.—Sportsmen Talking—W. W. Wakefield, M.P.

12 noon—The Celebrity Trio.
12.30 p.m.—At the Black Dog.
1 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.
1.10 p.m.—Food for Thought.
1.30 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

2.15 p.m.—Big Ben Big Bill Campbell and his Hill-Billy Band.
2.45 p.m.—The Cheshire Cheese.
3.15 p.m.—The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

4 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—As I See It—J. A. talk by Gilbert Murray.

4.35 p.m.—The Hotel Victoria Orchestra.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m., DJB 19.74 m., DJE 16.89 m., DIN 31.45 m., DJQ 19.63 m.

H.K.T.
3 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
3.30 p.m.—German Romantic Music.
4.45 p.m.—New Books.
5 p.m.—Polonaise and Waltz by Chopin.
6 p.m.—Variety.
8.55 p.m.—Greetings to our listeners in the Far East.
9.15 p.m.—"The Heavenly Gates are open wide." Alpine Christmas Songs.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"Ladies in Love", with Janet Gaynor, Loretta Young, Constance Bennett and Simone Simon. An exciting combination of feminine personalities and a brilliantly unusual story.

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AT THE MAJESTIC—"Good Dame", with Sylvia Sidney and Frederic March. An old favourite. The romance of a good girl and a bad man bringing the picture to an exciting climax.

AT THE KING'S—"Public Enemy's Wife", with Pat O'Brien, Robert Armstrong and Margaret Lindsay. The picture shows what happens when the desperate mates of the mobsters try to break from the clutch of the underworld and go straight.

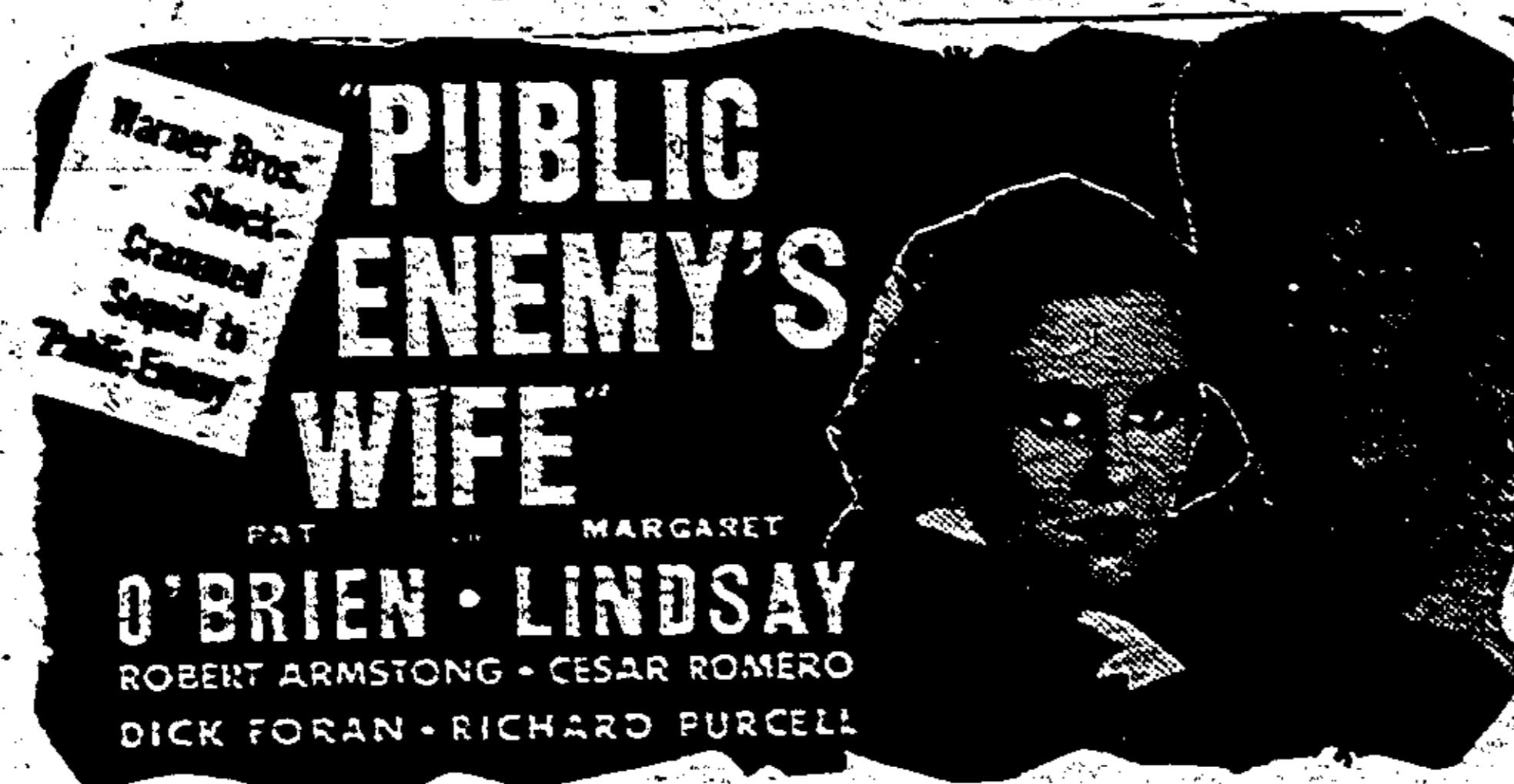
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AT THE QUEEN'S—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde", with Fredric March and Miriam Hopkins. The outstanding performance of Fredric March's career. The parts are well acted and true in all details with the original story. Worth seeing again.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"A Successful Calamity"—With George Arliss, Mary Astor, Evelyn Knapp, Grant Mitchell, David Torrence and Randolph Scott. The tale of a millionaire who faked failure in order to win back his family from pursuits that were ruining them.



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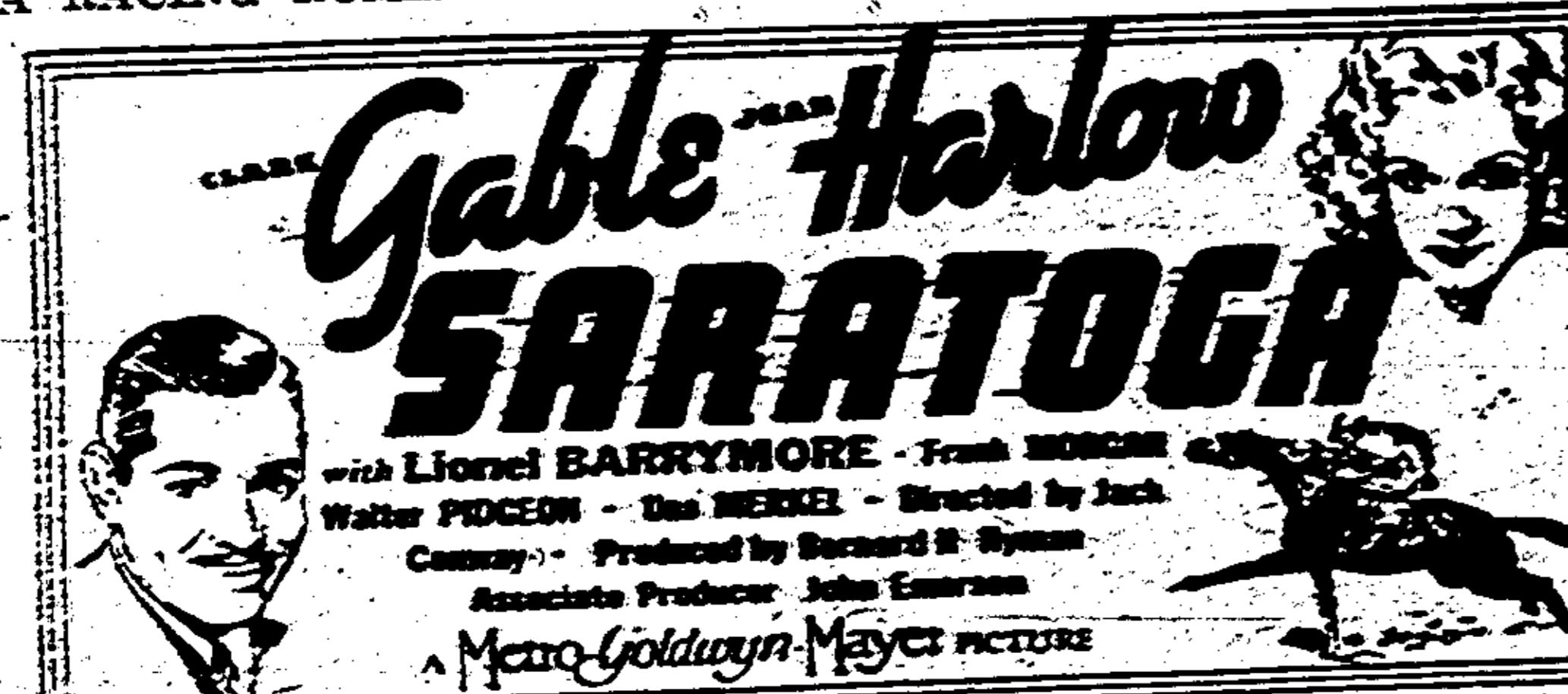


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HONG KONG

WITH ALL THE USUAL ELABORATE SETTINGS, AUTHENTICITY AS TO COSTUME, BRIGHT MUSICAL SCORES AND A STRONG CAST, THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S "THE ARCADIANS" WHICH HAD ITS PREMIERE AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE LAST NIGHT, REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT ON THE PRODUCER, MR. W. G. ROBERTSON AND THE ENTIRE COMPANY, FOR A PERFORMANCE IN AN IDEAL METROPOLIS.

Harry Cockle, Willie Simpson, Gordon Stopyan-Thomson, Nina Valentine and Anne Winter, all established Philharmonic favourites, lead an imposing array of talent and beauty—and the only complaint, and that is the fault of the authors, rather than anyone else, is the fact that there was no part which gives enough scope for Anne Winter's singing.

For a musical show, indeed, singing is rather relegated, and the witty dialogue, well put over by Willie Simpson, Harry Cockle and Anne Fullerton, takes all the honours.

The story, a satire on the modern mode of living, opens in Arcadia, somewhere beyond the North Pole—a virtual Utopia—where vice of any description is unknown, and where time stands still.

Into this idyllic setting, a London business man, James Smith (Harry Cockle) drops from the skies, when his plane crashes. Astounded by his tales of London, where it is common to lie and do other things equally horrible, the Arcadians decide to send a mission to London in an effort to convert the many sinners to their mode of living.

The second act shows the fashionable crowd at Askgood Race Course, where the Arcadians have embarked on their mission and the awkward situations into which a young couple find themselves as the result of Sombre's (Anne Winter) penchant for kissing anyone with whom she is pleased.

The setting for the third act is magnificent, the lighting and stage effects being brilliant. Willie Simpson holds the stage for long periods with the result that laughs there are in plenty. The chorus is introduced in a natural manner and the sequence of events moves up to a fitting finale with everyone—even the Arcadian Mission, which has confessed its failure—left perfectly contented.

Harry Cockle, who heads the cast is admirably suited to his role and plays his dual part of Smith, the London businessman, and Simplicitas, the Arcadian, with great dash. Until he appeared, there was an obvious "first performance" stiffness evident, which his entrance immediately dispelled.

Anne Winter, as already remarked, has not enough singing to do for our liking and is therefore somewhat wasted, but her interpretation of Sombre, the ingenuous Arcadian girl, is suitably restrained and therefore entirely convincing.

With the advent of Willie Simpson, in a part admirably suited to his droll, dry type of humour, there is a distinct "warming up" and thereafter, interest never flags. To say that he "steals" the show, is not an overstatement.

Evelyn Fullerton, in a role which requires exaggeration, causes a great deal of humour, but one felt, nevertheless, that little more restraint would have made her portrayal perfect.

Hector Wiggins and Doris Blair provide the love interest and provide it very well. Amateur love-making is very liable to appear forced. The natural manner in which these two performed speaks volumes for their ability.

In smaller roles, special mention must be made of Lawrie Ellis, as Bobby, the Wodehouse type of fatuous society Englishman, Nina Valentine, as Dryope, Gordon Stopyan-Thomson, as Percy Marsh, and David Kosick, as Sir George Paddock.

A special dance by George Goncharoff and one of his pupils Mental Fielder was pleasing but all too short, while the chorus is guaranteed to please the most harassed businessman.

A very pleasant change from our limited Hong Kong entertainments and deserving of much better support than was forthcoming last night.—N.M.

KOWLOON
MUNICIPAL
PROBLEMS

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Tuesday, December 14, in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Those present were Mr. B. Wyllie (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), Mr. R. P. Phillips (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary), Miss R. Mow Fung, Messrs. W. C. Fedshaw, Li Chor Chi, C. M. Manners, D. W. Munton, I. N. Murray, R. Pestona, and the Rev. J. R. Higgins. Apologies of absence were received from the Hon. Mr. L. d'Almada, Messrs. H. Gittins and C. E. Terry.

Correspondence concerning Traffic, Mosquitoes in Kowloon, Children's Playgrounds, Road Surfacing and the Street Sleepers Shelter Society, were read and approved.

A letter from Government regarding the possible removal of a cemetery to a site in Kowloon Tong was read. A sub-committee was appointed to go into the matter.

A letter was read drawing the Committee's attention to the Traffic "Island" in process of construction at the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street. It was agreed that the Traffic sub-committee should investigate the matter, if possible in collaboration with the Automobile Association and the Police Traffic Department.

A sub-committee submitted a list of roads which are inadequately labelled, and it was agreed to write the Hon. Colonial Secretary on the matter.

The attention of the Committee had been directed by Government to certain experimental gas lamps at present fitted in Jordan Road. Opinion was unanimous that the lighting afforded by these lamps was not so satisfactory as that supplied by the gaseous discharge lamps recently tried in Nathan Road, and it was agreed to write Government to this effect.

Concern was expressed regarding the serious increase in the numbers of cases of burglary in certain Kowloon districts. It was agreed to again direct the attention of the Police Department to this matter.

The opinion having been generally expressed by members of the Committee that the Kowloon Post Office was at present understaffed, the President was requested to interview the Postmaster General on the subject.

A donation of \$100 was granted by the Association to the Kowloon Food Relief Committee.

FOREIGNERS SAFE
IN NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

The 27 foreigners who remained in Nanking during the siege are all safe, according to further reports received in Shanghai this morning.

They consist of one Briton, two Russians, six Germans and 18 Americans.

No foreign diplomatic officials remained in Nanking, and all twenty-seven are business-men, newsmen and newsreel reporters.—Reuters.

VISIT TO R.H.K.G.C.
OFFICE

Chiang Tin-yau, 33, a Ningpo Chinese, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning with breaking into the office of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club last night and with assaulting Li Tim, the office cookie.

Defendant denied both charges and was remanded.

JAPAN FAILS TO FIND PUPPET LEADER

Peiping, To-day.

No leading Chinese personality has yet been found willing to assume leadership of the pro-Japanese "government" which was proclaimed in Peiping on Tuesday.

The executive committee of the new "government" has been formed under the chairmanship of the former military governor of Kiangsu, Gen. Chi Hsieh-yuan.

The reconstruction department is headed by the leader of the Anfu clique, Wang I-tang, while the education department has been entrusted to Tang Er-bo.

Military and foreign office departments have not yet been formed.—Trans-Ocean.

PANAY VICTIMS ARRIVE BY PLANE

Shanghai, To-day.

Three of the Panay wounded, including Lt.-Com. Hughes, arrived in Shanghai by Japanese flyingboat yesterday.

More survivors of the sinking are aboard H.M.S. Ladybird and U.S.S. Oahu, which, accompanied by a Japanese gunboat and minnowsweepers, are expected in Shanghai to-morrow (Friday).

According to latest reports, foreign casualties in the Panay affair include 11 wounded, while Chinese casualties are still unknown.

A Japanese statement says that some of the airmen responsible have already been punished, while others "have been sent back to Japan in disgrace."—Trans-Ocean.

ANTI-SEMITISM TO ITS LAST SQUEEZE

Berlin, To-day.

Remaining Jews who hold responsible business positions will be removed by next March, according to a declaration by General Hermann Goering yesterday.

Jews will not be allowed to enter public offices unless required to do so, while Jewish names will be erased from concerns which have already been taken over by Germans.

German nationals living in Jewish-owned houses must move, cost of removal to be borne by the Government.—Reuter.

STANDSTILL AGREEMENT RENEWED

London, To-day.
The Standstill Agreement has been renewed for a further period of one year without any essential alterations in the credit agreement on the foreign indebtedness of Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

DE VALERA TO SEND MINISTER TO ROME

Dublin, To-day.
A motion for sending an Irish Free State Minister to Rome has been approved by the Dail yesterday by 72 votes to 11.

The vote was preceded by a lively debate in which a Labour member supported by several opposition members, expressed the view that despatch of a Free State Minister to Rome would be tantamount to recognition of Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia.

President Eamon de Valera replied that it would simply mean de facto recognition of the Italian Empire and not de jure recognition.

He pointed out that Italy had already appointed a diplomatic representative to the Irish Free State.—Trans-Ocean.

EX-ARMY CHIEFS AT PALACE

London, To-day.
Field Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell and General Sir Harry Knox, who retired in order to make way for younger men in the Army Higher Command, were received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning on relinquishing their appointments as Chief of the Imperial General Staff and Adjutant General to the Forces respectively.—British Wireless.

M. DELBOS NOW IN PRAGUE

Prague, To-day.
Following his visits to Warsaw, Bucharest and Belgrade, the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, arrived here yesterday.

He was met at the station by the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister and other high officials, and was warmly cheered by crowds in the streets, which were decorated with French flags.—Reuter.

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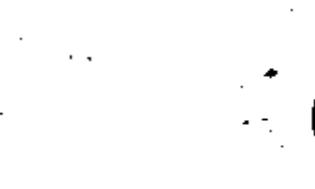


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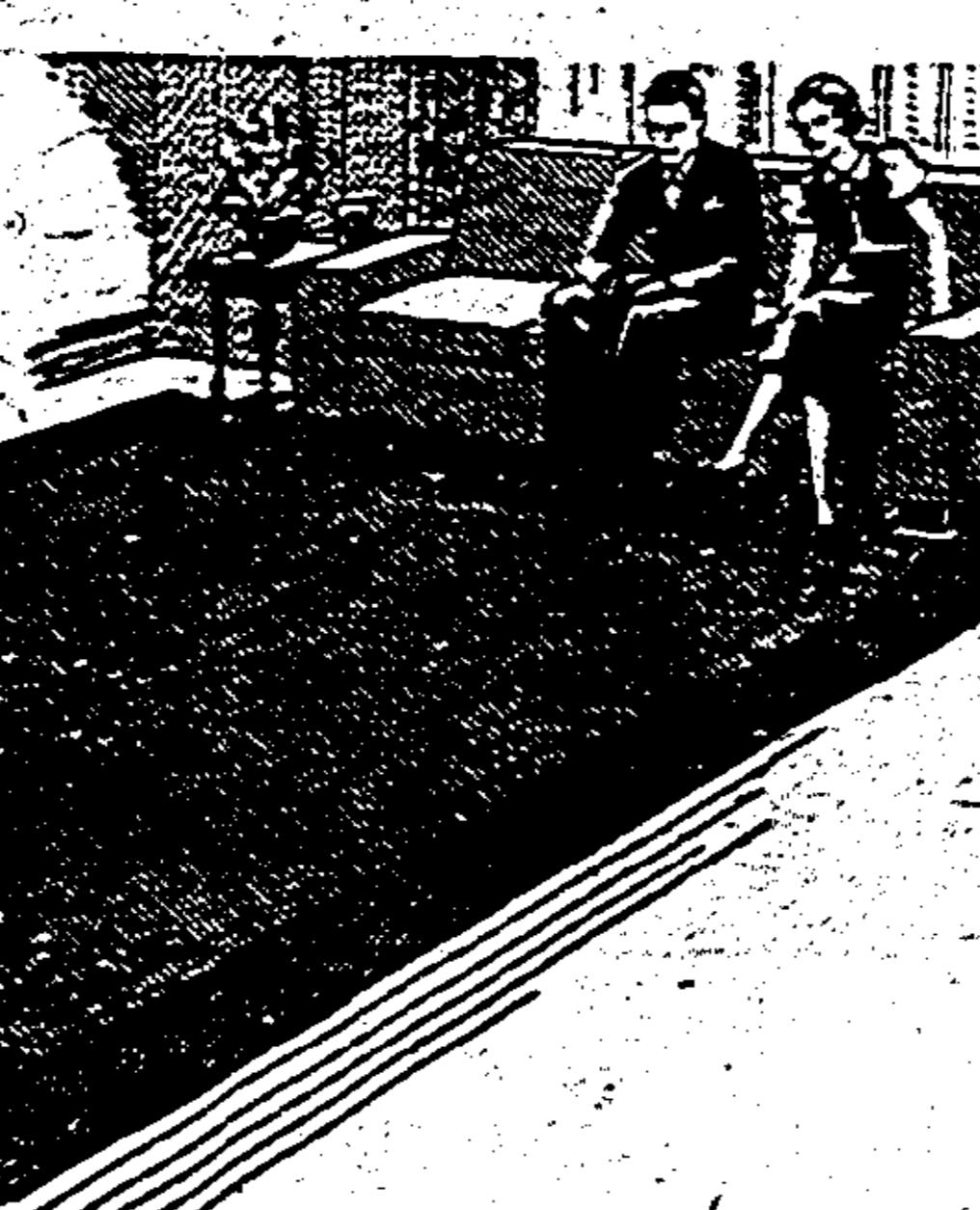
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HOW MANY TIMES HAS BRITAIN PROTESTED FUTILELY, ASKS M.P.

London, To-day.

REPLYING to a question in the House of Commons yesterday on how many official British protests had been made to the Japanese Government since August 26, the Foreign Secretary said that the questioner would appreciate the distinction between protests and representations.

It was difficult to define the difference accurately, but he would consider whether he could furnish him with the requested information.

The questioner asked if Mr. Eden was fairly satisfied that the Japanese Government was giving these protests the consideration we should expect them to give.

Mr. Eden replied: "Satisfaction is an almost unknown sentiment for a Foreign Secretary."—Reuter.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES SHOT

Peiping, To-day.

According to reliable information received from Taiyuanfu, two American missionaries named Garland and Leonard, were shot by Chinese soldiers at Yuanping on Oct. 7.

Reason for the shooting is unknown.—Reuter.

SOVIET AID ON LARGER SCALE FOR CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.

That the Soviet is planning assistance for China on a much larger scale, mainly in delivery of war material, is considered certain in well-informed circles in Shanghai.

Apparently one of the effects of the recent Sino-Soviet Agreement has been to induce the autonomous government of Outer Mongolia to establish closer contact with the Nanking Government, and, according to reliable quarters, a Mongolian mission has arrived at Hankow.—Trans-Ocean.

H.K.-CHUNGKING AIR SERVICE

The new air service between Hong Kong and Chungking is being formally inaugurated to-day with the arrival of a plane from Chungking.

The Post Office announces that details of intermediate landing points have not yet been supplied, but air mail for Chungking can be received up to five p.m. for registered mail and 6 a.m. to-morrow for ordinary mail.

The first trip to Chungking will be made to-morrow morning.

JAPANESE THREAT TO BOMB HANOI RLY.

London, To-day.

Mr. Goeffrey Mander (Liberal, East Wolverhampton) asked the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons yesterday to consider the advisability of exercising the British right, under Article XI of the Covenant of the League of Nations to draw the attention of the League Council to Japan's action in threatening France that French railways from Hanoi into China would be bombed if the transit of arms through Indo-China continues.

Mr. Anthony Eden replied in the negative, and said that this did not seem a matter for British initiative.

Mr. Mander asked if it was true that France had been so threatened.

Mr. Eden said this was a question to which only the French Government could reply.—Reuter.

NO FIGHTING IN CENTRAL CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.

No fighting of any importance took place in Central China yesterday, with the Japanese troops remaining at Nanking and the Chinese preparing new positions.

A Japanese spokesman said yesterday that Japanese vanguards had reached Wulungchang, 15 kilometres north-east of Nanking, and Muleichang Forts, 10 kilometres north of Nanking.—Trans-Ocean.

MADRID AGAIN SHELLED

Paris, To-day.
Spanish Nationalist batteries again bombarded Madrid yesterday.

The bombardment, which lasted only a few minutes, caused little damage.—Trans-Ocean.

Madrid, To-day.

Thirty were killed when Nationalist guns hurled shells into Madrid yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH NOTE DEMANDS EVIDENCE OF PUNISHMENT

Not Content With Japanese Assurances As In Past

INCIDENTS CLEARLY RAISE VERY GRAVE ISSUES

London, To-day.

THE British Note to Japan in regard to the Japanese attacks on British warships and merchantmen at Wuhu and near Nanking on Sunday, says that these incidents clearly raise grave issues.

After detailing the attacks, the Note says that His Majesty's Government has been glad to receive the Japanese Note of December 14 offering the Japanese Government's profound apologies for the attack on His Majesty's ships, stating that measures will immediately be taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents, and adding that they will deal suitably with those responsible and will pay the necessary compensation.

His Majesty's Government observe that the Japanese have no intentions to attack British merchantmen, and Sir Robert Craigie (Ambassador at Tokyo) has been instructed to request assurance that all that was said therein applies equally to these attacks.

His Majesty's Government particularly note the statement that those responsible will be suitably dealt with.

PUNISHMENT

Adequate punishment of those responsible seems to His Majesty's Government the only method by which further outrages can be prevented.

His Majesty's Government cannot but recall previous incidents in which the Japanese Government expressed regret for attacks on British nationals and property and had given assurances that adequate steps had been taken to prevent any repetition.

PAST FAILURES

They recall the attack on Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the subsequent attack on motorcars conveying British officials, attacks on British civilians and military posts at Shanghai, as well as other incidents, and repeated assurances by the Japanese Government of their intention fully to respect the interests of third powers in the present conflict with China.

It is clear that steps hitherto taken by the Japanese Government to prevent such attacks, have hitherto failed in that purpose, and His Majesty's Government must now ask to be informed that measures actually have been taken of a character which will put a definite stop to the incidents of which they complain—Reuter.

OFFICIAL VERSION OF INCIDENTS

The British Note states:

"At Wuhu, a British tug which had conveyed from Nanking, His Majesty's Consul, the British Military Consul, the British Mili-

tary Attaché and the Flag Captain to the British Rear Admiral Yangtze, was attacked by Japanese machine-gun fire after transferring these officers to H.M.S. Ladybird.

"The latter proceeded to join the tug in order to protect her when she observed a Japanese field gun battery firing on the merchant ships concentrated above the Asiatic Petroleum Company's installation. The firing continued and was directed at H.M.S. Ladybird herself. There were four direct hits on this vessel.

"One naval rating was killed, another was seriously wounded, and there were several minor casualties including the Flag Captain. A direct hit was also seen to be sustained by the British merchant ship, Suivo.

H.M.S. Bee then arrived on the scene and was also fired on by the shore battery.

POINT BLANK COVER

The Commander of the Bee landed to protest and was informed by Colonel Hashimoto, the Senior Japanese Military Officer then at Wuhu that the firing on the warships was due to a mistake but that he had orders to fire on every ship on the river. At a later interview, the same officer stated categorically that if any ships moved on the river they would be fired on and despite protests, H.M.S. Bee and H.M.S. Ladybird, after berthing, remained covered by guns at point-blank range.

Near Hsiassanshan above Nanking, where British merchant ships were concentrated in a part of the river previously designated by the Japanese Commander-in-Chief as a safety zone, three separate bombing attacks were made by Japanese aircraft on them and on H.M. ships Cricket and Scarab which were with them.

NOTE OF APOLOGY

His Majesty's Government have now been glad to receive the Note of December 14 offering the profound apology of the Imperial Japanese Govern-

TEN YEAR SENTENCE ON WOMAN

Jerusalem, To-day.

Pleading guilty to charges of carrying a revolver and gunpowder, a woman appearing before the military court yesterday received a sentence of ten years' imprisonment—Reuter.

INSURGENT OFFENSIVE IN MADRID AREA

Madrid, To-day.

The newspapers yesterday came out with long articles predicting the imminence of the long-delayed Nationalist large-scale offensive.

The approach of really wintry weather makes it advisable from the Nationalists' point of view to start operations immediately.

However, the Republican troops are strongly entrenched and the weather will favour the defence—Trans-Ocean.

ment for the attacks on His Majesty's ships, stating that measures were immediately taken to prevent a recurrence of such incidents and adding that they will deal suitably with those responsible and pay the necessary compensation.

His Majesty's government observe the Note makes no mention of the attacks on British merchant vessels and I am instructed to request that an assurance may be given that all that is said in that Note applies equally to these attacks.

WEATHER MAY IMPROVE

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has extended eastward to Japan. The China Sea depression appears to have filled up.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy with drizzle or light rain; improving later.

Hankow, To-day.

Over 300 Japanese planes have been shot down behind the Chinese lines by Chinese anti-aircraft batteries and planes, according to an official claim issued here yesterday.

The toll, by months, is as follows:

August	83 planes
September	73 "
October	75 "
November	70 "

Altogether, nearly 400 enemy aircraft have been shot down, say the Chinese.—Trans-Ocean.

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HAVEN you ever visualised your body hurting through the air one, and is convinced—without reason—that he is grotesquely ugly. I know a man who dare not stand on the parapet of a tall building. The very thought of heights leaves him limp and sweating with terror. He suffers from acrophobia.

About one person in twenty-five suffers from a mild acrophobia. Joan Crawford is one. Joan also has a morbid dread of darkness (nyctophobia), and dare not sleep without lights burning.

Phobias are commoner than you might think.

One young man could not marry his sweetheart for years because he dared not go to church. He had a phobia for confined spaces, was a claustrophobic.

Until one day his closest friend was sworn in to keep the church door wide open—come what might. And he was able to face the ordeal.

Claudette Colbert and Norma Shearer are mild claustrophobics.

Others—Jeans Harlow was one—have a fear of wide, open spaces, and will walk miles rather than who get their fun translating good cross an open square or a wide English street (agoraphobia).

I knew a man who would not eat do they signify? How can they be before he had wiped his knife and fork with a damp, grimy, antiseptic-soaked handkerchief.

Nor would he open a door without wrapping this handkerchief round the knob. Mysophobia (morbid fear of dirt or infection) was his complaint.

A famous humorist has a phobia for mirrors.

He dare not look at his face in the mirror, and is convinced—without reason—that he is grotesquely ugly. I must confess I once had a similar phobia.

The variety of phobias is, of course, endless. And word-coining psychologists have had some fun giving them names.

For instance:

Pyrophobia (fear of causing a fire).

Sideromorphobia (fear of pointed objects and sharp edges).

Erythrophobia (fear of blushing).

Taphephobia (fear of being buried alive).

Ochlophobia (Garbo's complaint—fear of crowds).

Phobophobia (fear of being afraid or of seeming afraid).

Or More grotesque:

Gephrophobia (fear of crossing a bridge).

Siderodromophobia (fear of railway stations).

Triskaidekaphobia (fear of being thirteen at table).

And lots more like that—for those who get their fun translating good cross an open square or a wide English street (agoraphobia).

What are phobias really? What

When we overstrain our mind or fail to use it properly, we develop nervous complaints or "neuroses," of which there are three.

Commonest is the Anxiety Neurosis—so called because anxiety or fear is the principal symptom.

Phobias come under this heading.

Nearly as common is the neurosis

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asks
HENRY HARRIS

that psychiatrists call Hysteria. The tactless remark at an impressionable age. A nurse who says: "See now, Johnny, that's what happens when you don't behave."

Other phobias (much more difficult to treat) are really an outward expression of desires that have been repressed deep into the subconscious mind. For instance, many acrophobes fear heights because of a secret impulse to suicide.

Last and rarest is the Compulsion Neurosis. Not fear or bodily symptoms, but strong, almost uncontrollable, impulses trouble the sufferer.

For instance: To set fire to buildings, to injure others.

Or, in a very mild form, to touch lamp-posts, avoid pavement cracks, etc.

Can a phobia be cured?

Certainly. But being an ailment of the mind it must be cured through the mind.

Most of us have slight phobias. So slight that we are hardly aware of them—except as our "pet aversions" against this thing or that.

No need to treat these. Every phobia has its own meaning—never the same for any two people—and only a psychological investigation can reveal it.

Some phobias are due to childhood experiences.

One woman traced her claustrophobia back to an incident in childhood when she was punished and locked in a cupboard for twenty minutes.

Many people dread thunder or lightning because of some stupidly revealed to—and understood by—the sufferer, the phobia tends slowly to disappear.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

AN insidious campaign with which no decent citizen will have any truck is being waged to make everyone do something all the time.

We are being trained like fleas, not only to improve our minds, but to hop about the place morning, noon and night.

I protest.

One hears nothing else but "How to Stuff Birds," "How to Play the Piano," "How to Keep Fit," "How to Suck Eggs," and so on.

What we want—and for a suitable fee, I am prepared to have a modest bang at it—what we want is instruction on How To Do Nothing At All: out of office hours as well as during them.

The craze for culture, the nasty zest for being a likely lad and eventually a handy man, is getting us all down.

We are forgetting the glories of absolute relaxation, of utter detachment. Half the knack of learning true idleness lies in being able to escape your neighbours.

An American magazine, "World Digest," has some sound suggestions on this point.

They quote the case of an Uncle Naboth, who always claimed while on vacation that he was mad about collecting fungi, and thus used to disappear for days on end.

Aunt Eulalie got suspicious, like wives do, and one day she followed him. She didn't have to go far, for just around the first bend in the wood was Uncle, sitting on a tree stump doing nothing, and thoroughly enjoying doing it.

"I thought you were supposed to be collecting fungi," cried Aunt Eulalie with some heat.

"I am," replied Uncle Naboth. "I

figure if I sit here long enough, it'll grow on me and save me the trouble of picking it."

There is a moral in that little piece of research which every wife will carefully ignore.

The point is that the Grade A idler, the man who does nothing more than anything, has to learn to escape from everyone before bliss can be his.

Don't even be seen reading "Gone with the Wind." Strange women will come and ask you for opinions on it, and you'll have to start thinking before you know what you're at.

Talking of this extraordinary book, which I've read quite a section of, here are some interesting conversational hooks, baits or what-nots about Margaret Mitchell, who wrote it.

Can journalists ever write? Miss Mitchell was a journalist for six years.

Can you write a long work on milk as your only beverage? "Gone with the W." was written wholly on milk, though it took seven years.

Years more were taken checking up names used in the novel so as to hurt no one's feelings. Historical details were hunted as zealously as a cat hunts mice.

The first chapter was written altogether seventy times, and it's by no means a short chapter.

And the reason the book was written was that Miss Mitchell had read all the books in the local library so her husband suggested she should write a book herself to fill in time. She never dreamt it would be published.

"Gone With the Wind" is the one good argument I can think of against sheer idleness.

But there's one thing about idleness—you can make it last even longer than Miss Mitchell's masterpiece.

JAPAN BANKING ON U.S. PUBLIC OPINION FOR SUCCESS

"Trying To Destroy West's Influence In Far East"

FRANCE REGARDS ATTACK AS DELIBERATE

Paris, To-day.
The Far Eastern crisis is being followed with the closest attention here, and it is generally assumed that the attitude of Britain and France will conform to whatever steps the United States intends to take.

Possibility of a combined naval demonstration, however, is now ridiculed for many reasons.

"Le Temps" says that France, the United States and Britain would not make any agreement with the warring parties without first having conferred with one another.

Such an agreement would strengthen the moderate element in Japan and would facilitate conclusion of peace.

The press, meanwhile, follows the press of Britain and the United States in attacking Japan's actions.

ATTACKS ON WEST

"Liberte" says that the Japanese are engaged not only in overcoming Chinese resistance but also in demonstrating the weakness of Western civilisation, for which latter they have been preparing for the last hundred years.

Japan knows that public opinion in the United States is against intervention, that European wars have crippled the Western nations and that Russia is in the throes of a serious domestic crisis.

U.S. DEMAND

"Information" criticises the diplomatic procedure of President Roosevelt, finding it "unusual" and stating that this view is shared by the British Government.

The reference apparently is to the President's action in regard to the Emperor of Japan.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH NAVY IN CANTON CLEAR FOR ACTION

Canton, To-day.
Railway authorities here state that both the Hankow-Canton and Kowloon-Canton lines have been badly damaged during air-raids by Japanese planes yesterday afternoon.

Two air-raid alarms were sounded in the course of yesterday.

Taking no chances of a repetition of the Nanking "mistaken" bombing by the Japanese, the two British warships, H.M.S. Seaweed and H.M.S. Robin, had their decks cleared for action.

Anti-aircraft guns were trained towards the sky and were also ready for immediate firing, as it is understood that the naval boats have received orders to open fire should they be attacked by the Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

VLADIVOSTOK FORTIFICATION STRENGTHENED

Hankew, To-day.
The Soviet authorities are strengthening the fortifications of Vladivostok, says the Chinese paper "Ta Kung Pao."

Special care is being devoted, says the paper, to underground fortifications, and a large underground hangar, capable of accommodating 150 planes, has been built.

Total strength of the Vladivostok garrison, including naval units and recently arrived reinforcements, is said to number 85,000 men.—Trans-Ocean.

ALLEGATION OF CHEATING LEADS TO FIGHT

Li Ping, a motor car driver, was this morning fined \$30 and bound over in a bond of \$50 for one year by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to assaulting Lam Chui, in a lane near the Prince's Building, on Tuesday.

Detective-sergeant Davis said that defendant, complainant and another man, were gambling. An onlooker accused defendant of cheating by drawing cards from the bottom of the pack and was told to mind his own business. A quarrel and a fight ensued and complainant joined in. It was alleged that complainant threw a brick, on which he was squatting, at defendant. The latter ran to his car, parked some distance away, and returned with a hammer and attacked the complainant who received injuries to the head.

In sentencing defendant, Mr. Edwards said it was unnecessary to remind defendant of the seriousness of hitting complainant on the head and that a more serious charge might have been preferred.

HEROIN CASE: SECRET PANELS IN FURNITURE

PRES. HOOVER BROADSIDE ON TO BEACH

Exhibits comprising several utensils for making heroin pills, Two leather suit-cases, An iron safe,

A three-piece sitting-room suite, in which were secret panels containing drugs, and

A wallet containing over \$385.

Featured the trial of an educated Shanghai Chinese, Chan Tak-fong who was arraigned before Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, on charges of possession of a quantity of heroin and cocaine and of offering a bribe to Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt.

It was stated by the Crown that according to the Government Monopoly Analyst, Mr. H. A. Taylor, the drugs were sufficient to manufacture 1,177,000 heroin pills.

The accused is defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan, while the Crown is represented by the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. John Whyatt.

The jury comprises Messrs. A. Murdoch (Foreman), R. Kulp, J. C. King, L. G. Morales, A. R. F. Raven, B. R. Iranee and Chin Kin-cho.

It was stated that Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt, Mr. H. A. Taylor, and Chinese Revenue Officers went to No. 304, Jaffe Road, on the morning of October 30.

SECRET PANELS

Accused was absent but Cheung Lam, who was there, stated that his master was out. The place was lavishly furnished. After a search, he was handcuffed and searched, and drugs were found in a drawer of a later taken to the Police Station.

It was then discovered that the armchairs and settees had secret panels and on these being opened

Takao, To-day.
The President Hoover is firmly lodged on a reef, but there is thirty or more feet of water under her on the seaward side, and fears that she would become a total loss are now largely removed, according to reliable information reaching here to-day.

Bad weather prevails, however, the liner is still pounding badly, and salvage operations cannot be attempted until the sea moderates.

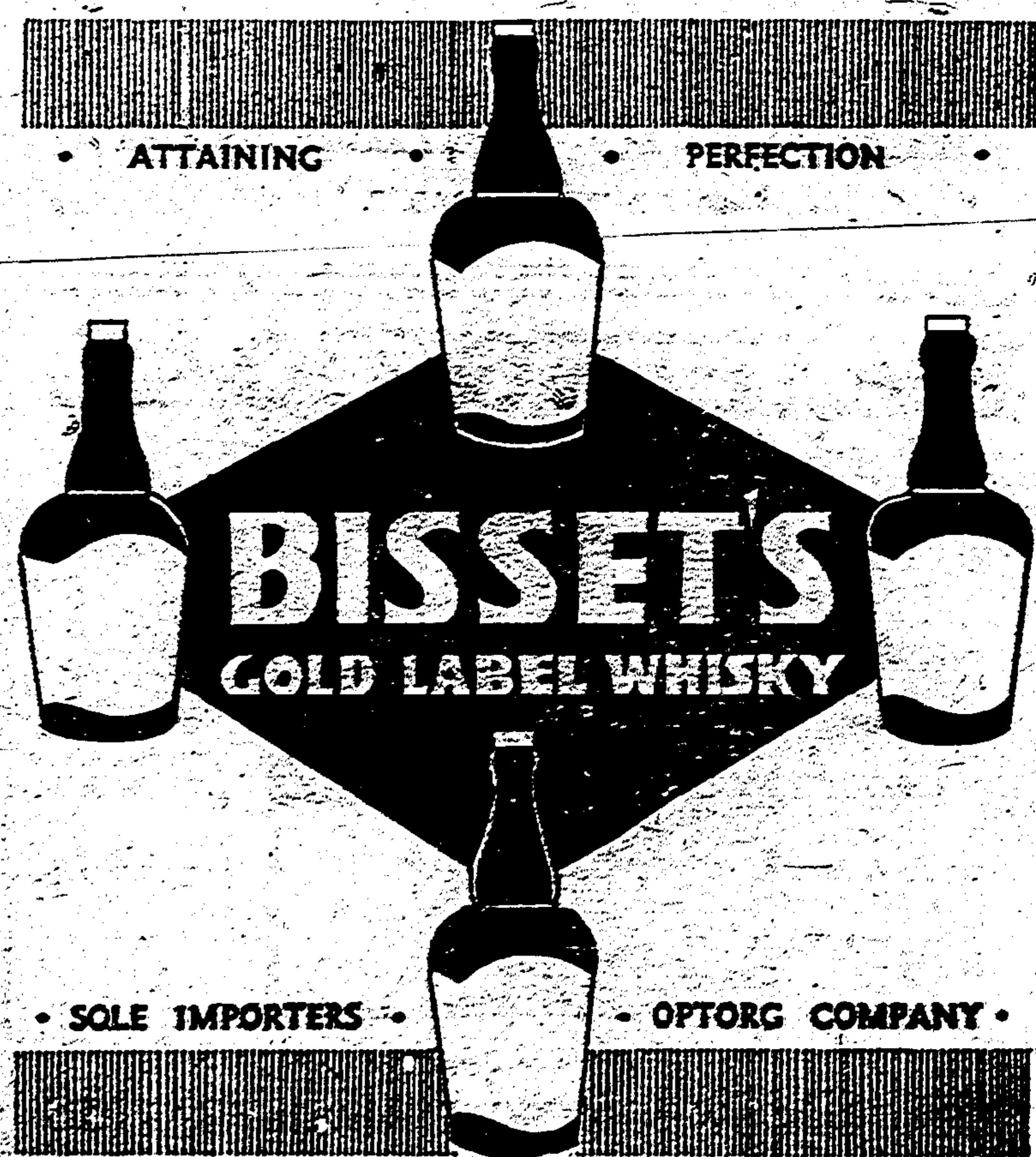
Except for the depth of water, the President Hoover is in similar position to the Asama Maru. She is lying starboard side broadside on to the beach, listing to port, and leaking badly at many points. Her holds, from No. 1 to No. 5, are practically filled with water at high tide, and it is reported that one of her engines has been disabled by damage caused by rocks penetrating the engine-room.

It will be necessary to stop the leaks before any attempt can be made to pull her off the reef.—Our Own Correspondent.

more drugs were discovered.

Prosecutor added that accused appeared later in the afternoon, when he was arrested by Mr. Grimmitt. When the officer caught hold of accused, the latter said: "Please let me go, I'll give you some money—I'll give you a hundred dollars." The officer let him loose and accused extracted a wad of notes from his wallet and gave it to the officer who placed it on the table. Accused was handcuffed and searched, and drugs were found in a drawer of a later taken to the Police Station.

In the wallet was found more money amounting to over \$300. The case is continuing.



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While the sharpest edge of the Prison Committee's Report may have been blunted somewhat by recent disclosures in Council of astounding prodigality in prison diet costs, the document laid in the Council Chamber yesterday represents a commendably comprehensive survey of problems connected with prison overcrowding, declining to skip unpleasant facts, and warranting the urgent and earnest attention of Government. Remedy of the most serious aspect of the feeding system is already assured, and there is no reason to fear that sanction will again be given to payments out on the munificent scale of the past. On other points, the main conclusion of the Committee, though it is not so stated in as many words, is that the deterrent principle of punishment as envisaged by our system of law is almost entirely overlooked by our prison system. Life has been made far too pleasant for prisoners. The Report suggests that they had a comparatively easy time in the era of "Franks's Hotel," as Victoria Gaol was popularly described. Since removal of the prison population to palatial residential quarters "overlooking the sea" at Stanley, privileges granted in Victoria have been so enhanced by the additional amenities that, if we judge the situation by the degrees of discipline and "hard labour" described in the Report, prison life can readily be affirmed as infinitely happier and more comfortable than the lot of thousands of casual labourers who slave themselves, when they can, for a pittance and then sleep in the streets. In this connection, the Committee is to congratulate upon the objectivity of its approach to the nature of our still swelling prison population and to the principal problem, the flow of short term prisoners to the Gaol. The daily average of hawkers alone is well over a thousand, yet few of these are serving for periods of more than two weeks, at any one time. The I.G.P. argues that hawkers are not regarded as criminals, but as nuisances, and are sent to prison to be kept off the streets. Overlooking the fact that, under the existing rationing system, the cost to the community is the region of \$18,000 a month, and ignoring the cost of prison maintenance, warders' salaries, con-

veyance, court proceedings, as a more than trifling additional overhead. The alternative suggested by the Committee is an "internment camp" for this type of case, the individuals to be dealt with on an entire different basis, and required to earn their food by the performance of a stipulated amount of work. It sounds an excellent scheme although it takes no account of how disposal of the fruits of their labour could be arranged without upsetting the economy of other workers in the Colony. Another word of caution also seems essential. The proposal has all the outward and visible signs of a poor law institution adapted to local conditions, and if any advance is contemplated along this road, the Colony might soon find itself committed to the development of the social services which only a wholly civilised community demands!

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Hats in Court

Commenting on the recent case of a woman in a divorce suit who was told that she could not appear without a hat in the witness-box, the "Justice of Peace and Local Government Review" is bold enough to ask whether there is supposed to be "some analogy between a court and a church." It also inquires—but "in a whisper"—whether, if a woman absolutely refused to wear a hat in a court of law, it would be lawful on that ground to deny her legal rights which would otherwise be hers. In actual practice the point seems hardly likely to arise. There may be no ruling on the subject other than the testimony of custom, but if a woman refused to wear a hat after being told to do so, presumably she could be held to be in contempt of court, and away would go the lady's legal rights until she chose to extract herself from that lamentable condition.

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Too Distracting

Probably the custom of the court does in essence arise from the custom of the church, which seems to derive from the famous Pauline inquiry "Judge in yourselves; is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?" But the passage in I Corinthians, chapter xi, is all rather queer and crude and complicated; it does not represent Paul, or his translators, in a joint moment of triumphant lucidity. We are told that woman ought to have "power (or a covering) on her head because of the angels," and the old-time gloss on that passage runs "a covering in sign that she is under the power of her husband" (How if she has not got one?) What it really seems to amount to is the ancient conception that women's tresses are too attractive—"And beauty draws us by a single hair," as Pope puts it—and therefore ought to be concealed lest they distract the attention, in church, of men and even of angels, and, in court, of the Bench and everybody else.

There may be something in the idea, but two points may be noted; first, that frail man must be terribly ready to be distracted and has an incorrigibly roving eye that would almost seem to call for blinkers; and, secondly, that it somewhat underestimates the considerable pulling power of modern millinery.

U.S.S. PANAY SURVIVOR'S STORY OF INCIDENTS

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"IT WAS TERRIFYING NIGHTMARE"

Shanghai, To-day.

"I can still hear the roar of planes power-diving and letting loose hell with their bombs, and I still see horrible sights I am trying to forget," said Mr. C. C. Vines, of the British-American Tobacco Company, one of the survivors of the Panay outrage.

Mr. Vines spoke to Reuter in the Country Hospital, where Messrs. James Marshall, of Collier's Magazine, and O'Donnell are also patients.

"I can't bear now to think what we went through. I can hardly remember what happened, except that it was a terrifying nightmare."

"I was on board the Meian (the oil tanker) when Japanese planes attacked the cluster of ships, which had American flags flying everywhere and even painted on the decks."

"The Japanese planes roared overhead and then formed up in the air in line for bombing."

"I ran inside and dived under a table. This broke the force of the shrapnel when the bombs came, and probably saved my life."

REPEATED ATTACKS.

"The Japanese planes attacked us repeatedly. They must have seen the American flags and known we were American ships."

"Marshall, Hodge and I walked twenty miles and spent Sunday night in a Chinese farmer's house in the town of Taiping. He treated us royally."

"We slept on Monday night in the quarters of a Japanese officer, who provided a truck in which we went to Wuhu."

TUESDAY IN WUHU

"We spent Tuesday night in Wuhu General Hospital, but I was afraid all the while that the roaring guns would turn their blazing muzzles our way."

"On Wednesday morning a Japanese flyingboat landed at Wuhu."

"I saw it from the hospital, and later we were told they would be taking us to Shanghai."

"My God, I was glad."

"As we proceeded down river we saw puffs of smoke from guns in action. During the whole journey to Shanghai, two machine-guns on the plane were ready to repel possible attack from Chinese planes."

MARSHALL NEEDED HELP

Marshall had to be helped from the plane on arrival in Shanghai. Wearing a bathrobe, his arm was in a sling and had a Japanese navy blanket around his shoulders. He was so hoarse he could hardly talk.

Marshall first went to Cathay Hotel and saw his wife, who accompanied him to hospital, where he was interviewed by Reuter.

He said that after the Panay's gun crew had fired to the very last, Lt. Anders, who was wounded and unable to talk, took a piece of chalk and wrote on the deck "Take to the boats. Send them back and wait close to the shore."

HODGE IN AUGUSTA

Hodge, who is suffering serious

U.S.S. OAHU RESUMES TRIP

Shanghai, To-day.

After spending the night below Nanking, the U.S.S. Oahu with her tragic cargo, and the shell-scarred H.M.S. Ladybird, led by Japanese minesweepers and convoyed by Japanese warships, resumed their trip to Shanghai at dawn this morning. The procession has now been joined by a number of British ships and fighters, which had been bottled up in the Yangtze for more than four months. The vessels are expected to arrive here on Friday afternoon.

Among Japanese warships convoying the procession is the Kasasaki, on board which are the five newspapermen who remained in Nanking during the siege.—Reuter.

TOKYO FASCIST GOVERNMENT IMMINENT

Tokyo, To-day.

Political circles have been thrown into a flurry by a manifesto which Mitsuru Toyama, Prince Sanetaka Ichijo and Admiral Usuke Yamamoto have jointly issued to the nation, urging the vital necessity of immediate organisation of a National Party by disbanding existing political parties.

Toyama is patron of the "Black Dragon Society" and is the mystery man of political circles who have been active behind important developments of the last half century.

Incidentally, a movement is afoot among members both of the Minseito and Seiyukai, the two major political parties, for liquidating their parties in favour of a totalitarian state.—Reuter.

NAVAL REPORTS PERSIST

Paris, To-day.
Press reports state that the British and United States Government have enquired as to French willingness to participate in a combined naval demonstration in Chinese waters.

Semi-official quarters, however, regard the reports as invention and say there is no question whatsoever of a naval demonstration which would serve no useful purpose.—Trans-Ocean.

ADVANCE OF U.S. PACIFIC MANOEUVRES DENIED

Washington, To-day.

Rumours which are understood to be current abroad that the date of the Pacific manoeuvres of the United States Fleet has been advanced from next March are denied here.

There is no intention, at present, to alter the date.

The manoeuvres are scheduled to take place between Hawaii and Samoa, but it is stated that no significant attaches to them, since the area was selected long before the present Far Eastern crisis arose.—Reuter.

LADYBIRD VICTIM

Flag-Captain F. O. M. O'Donnell, who was operated on this morning for removal of a shell splinter, said the Japanese opened fire against H.M.S. Ladybird from a range of 4,000 yards as she was going to protest against them firing on the British tug "Tsingliah."

They kept on firing until the range was about 1,000 yards,

FORTIFICATION IN INDO-CHINA DEMANDED

Paris, To-day.
An outspoken demand for erection of strong military fortifications in French Indo-China was made during the debate on the Colonial Estimates in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

Deputies asked for information as to whether naval and military defence in French Indo-China was strong enough to beat off any possible attack.

One Deputy alleged that Siam had ordered what amounted to general military mobilisation, but M. Marius Moutet, the Colonial Minister, interrupted and said that nothing in this nature had occurred in Siam, which had merely strengthened her armaments.

That was a matter, he said, which did not affect friendly Franco-Siamese relations, and he reminded the Deputy of the recently concluded treaty between the two countries.—Trans-Ocean.

PEIPING PUPPET BID TO SECURE CUSTOMS

Tokyo, To-day.
The "provisional government of the Republic of China," which was established in Peiping on Tuesday, is reported to be planning to open negotiations shortly with the Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Tientsin, Mr. Meyers.

Object of the negotiations, according to despatches reaching Tokyo from Tientsin, will be taking over of all Customs stations in North China.

Revenue of the Customs in North China is stated to be approximately \$44,000,000 a year.—Reuter.

when they saw that the Ladybird was not a Chinese ship.—Reuter.

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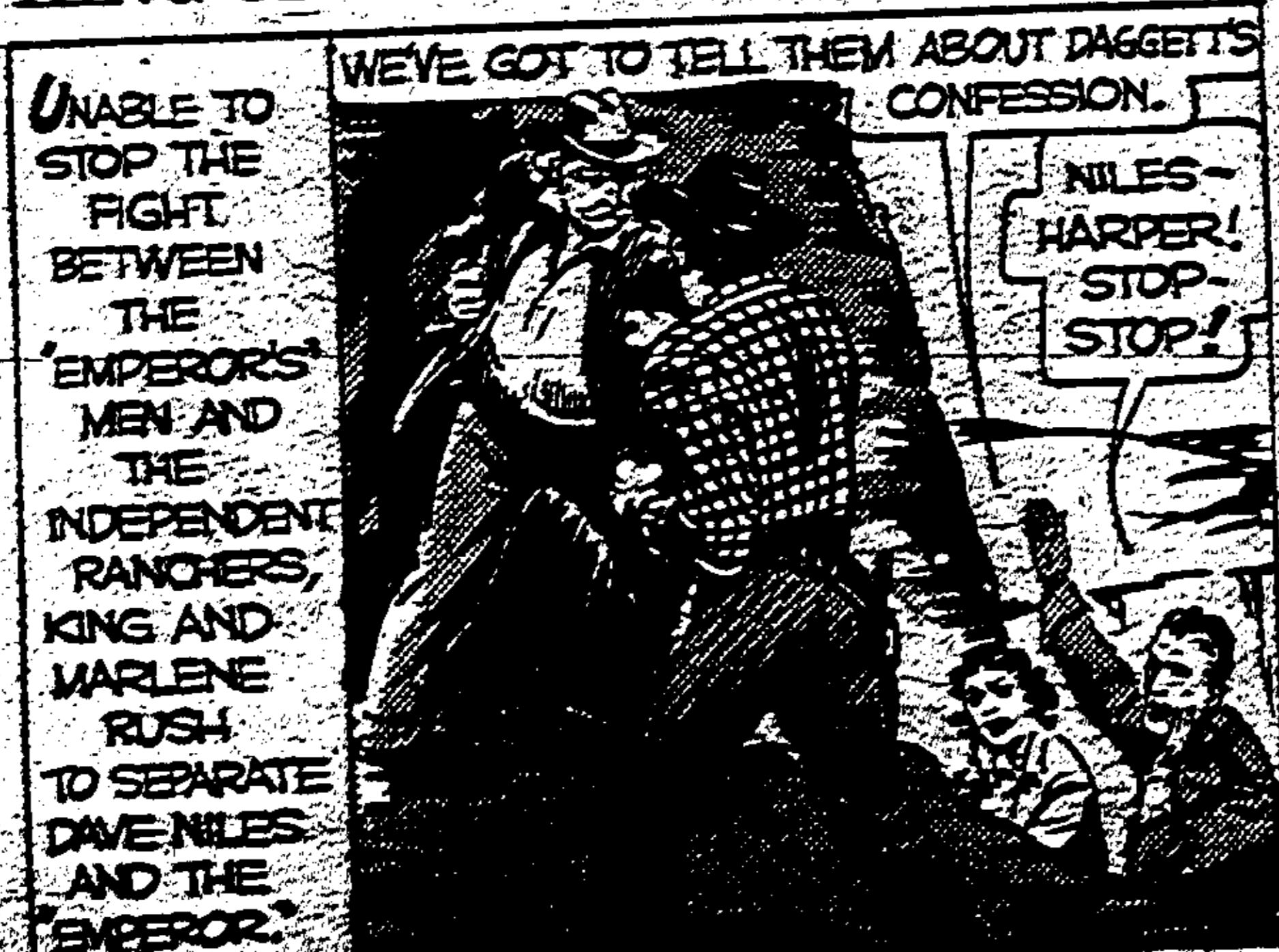
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Official Refusal To Discuss Hypothetical Action

Washington, To-day.

THE United States Government has never considered, and is not now considering, a joint demonstration or any other naval action in connection with the Yangtse bombings, declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, replying to questions at a press conference yesterday.

Later it was added in high quarters in Washington that it is quite clear President Roosevelt's protest, as far as the question for United States this would involve the Emperor in officials to answer hypothetical questions in regard to what action the United States Government might or the Emperor's person is "sacred"—Trans-Ocean.

It is well known, however, that force has not entered the general policy under which the United States Government has been seeking to end the Chinese war from the start—Reuter.

EMPEROR IN CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

The Emperor of Japan conferred with leading military personages, including the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, yesterday, and discussed the situation arising from President Roosevelt's protest, says a Tokyo despatch to the "Daily Express."

The conference was adjourned after an hour, and was resumed shortly later.

Other messages from Tokyo declare that it is extremely improbable

FOREIGNERS IN NANKING ALL SAFE

Shanghai, To-day.

All foreigners in Nanking are safe, according to a message received by the Japanese Embassy.

The 150,000 Chinese who took refuge in the safety zone organised by the international committee, are also safe.

The Japanese Embassy in Nanking says that the city is quiet and intact but that the Embassy cars are missing.—Reuter.

TEZIN BR TRIAL E IN ACQU

Tokyo, What is claimed a world record was established this morning in the famous Tezini trial and embezzlement in which some of prominent figures in Japan involved, came to

The trial, which looked as if it would last two and a half years, situated 265 sittings, believed to have made a gold-mine out of the Sixteen financiers

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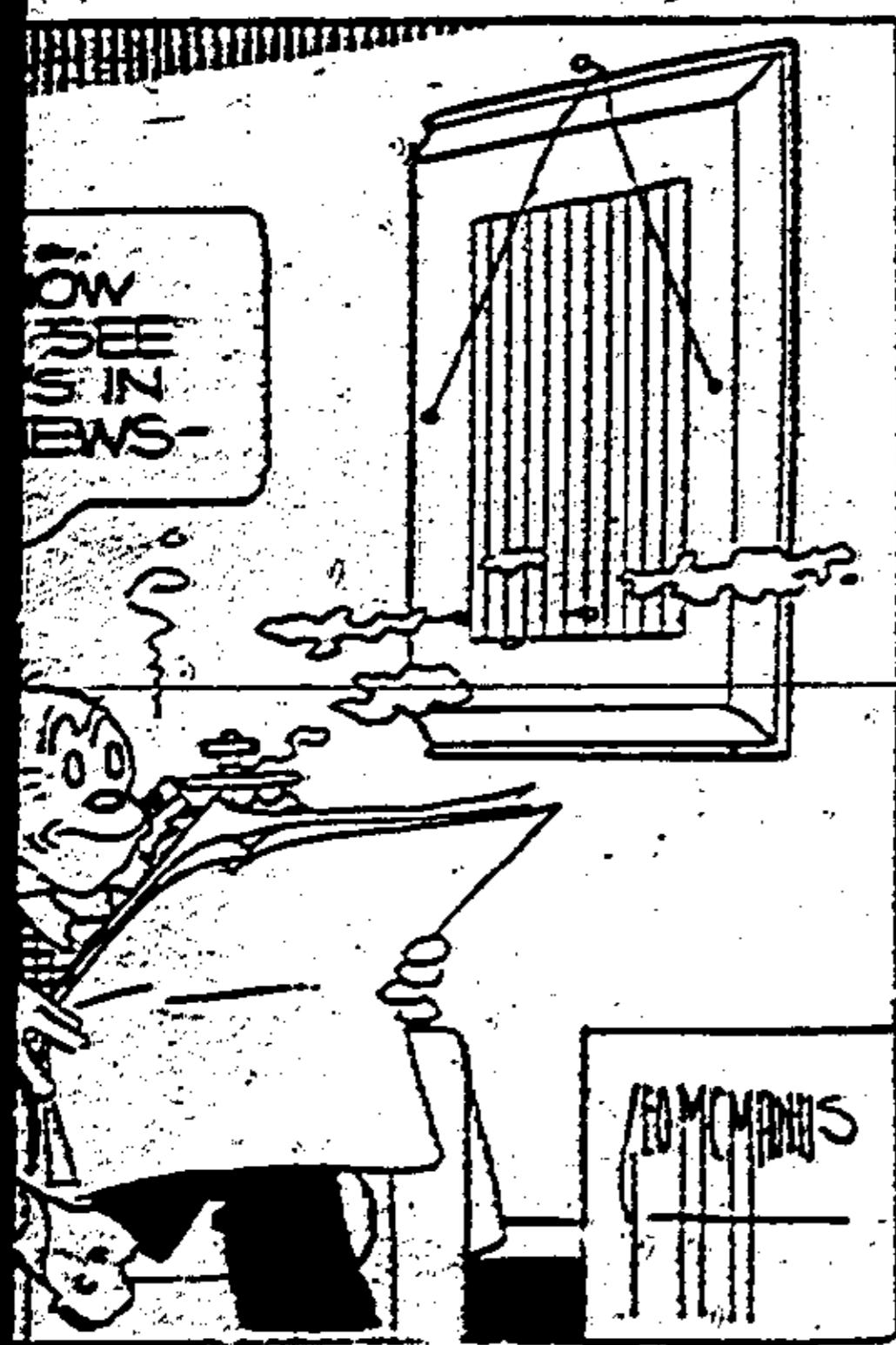
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FLYINGBOAT IN TROUBLE

London, To-day.

Three of the flying boats of No. 204 Squadron which are flying from England to Australia arrived at Rangoon early yesterday morning.

The fourth flyingboat experienced trouble with one engine and is proceeding to Akyab. The fifth, which stood by, has arrived at Akyab.—British Wireless.

Treasury Department of the Finance Ministry, and Mr. Simada, former head of the Bank of Taiwan.

ALL ACQUITTED

All the accused, who were charged with accepting and giving bribes, and embezzlement, were discharged, the Chief Justice declaring that none of the evidence had proved them guilty.

It took him two and a half years to reach this ruling, which was delivered in a packed High Court.

They included the Tezin Company, with which accused were connected, is one of the largest Japanese silk firms. It is Mr. Kurota, partly Government-owned and part-of Finance, by owned by the Bank of Taiwan—head of the Our Own Correspondent.

OLYMPICS NOT FOR JAPAN?

Tokyo, To-day. Hopes of holding the 1940 Olympics at Tokyo are fading daily, declares the "Asahi Shimbun."

The paper adds that so many problems are confronting the organising committee, especially the vagueness of Government support, that the committee will not be able definitely to guarantee to the Olympic Conference at Cairo in March that construction of the various sites will be started in April.—Reuter.

JAPANESE NORTH CHINA PLANS

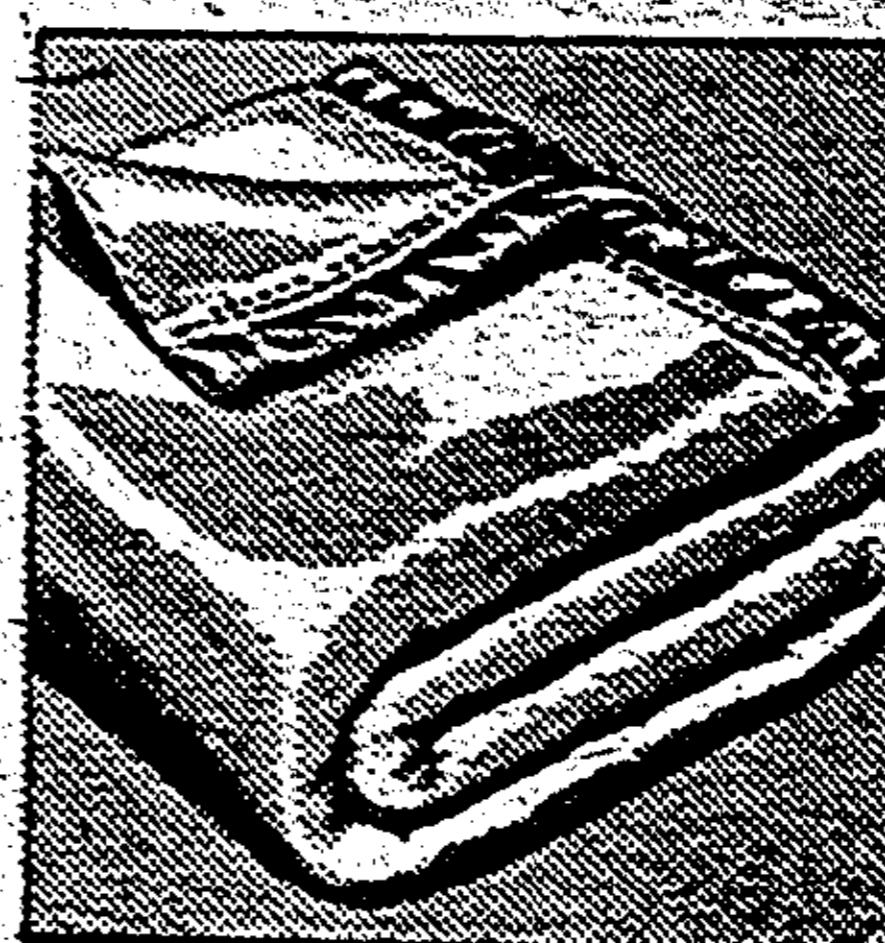
Peiping, To-day. First step of the new "provisional government of the Republic of China" will be dissolution of the Peace Preservation Corps in the Peiping and Tientsin areas.

This was announced this morning, the statement adding that these bodies would be replaced by a new corps organised by the Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

Non-Intervention

London, To-day. Next meeting of the non-intervention committee has been convened for Thursday.—Trans-Ocean.

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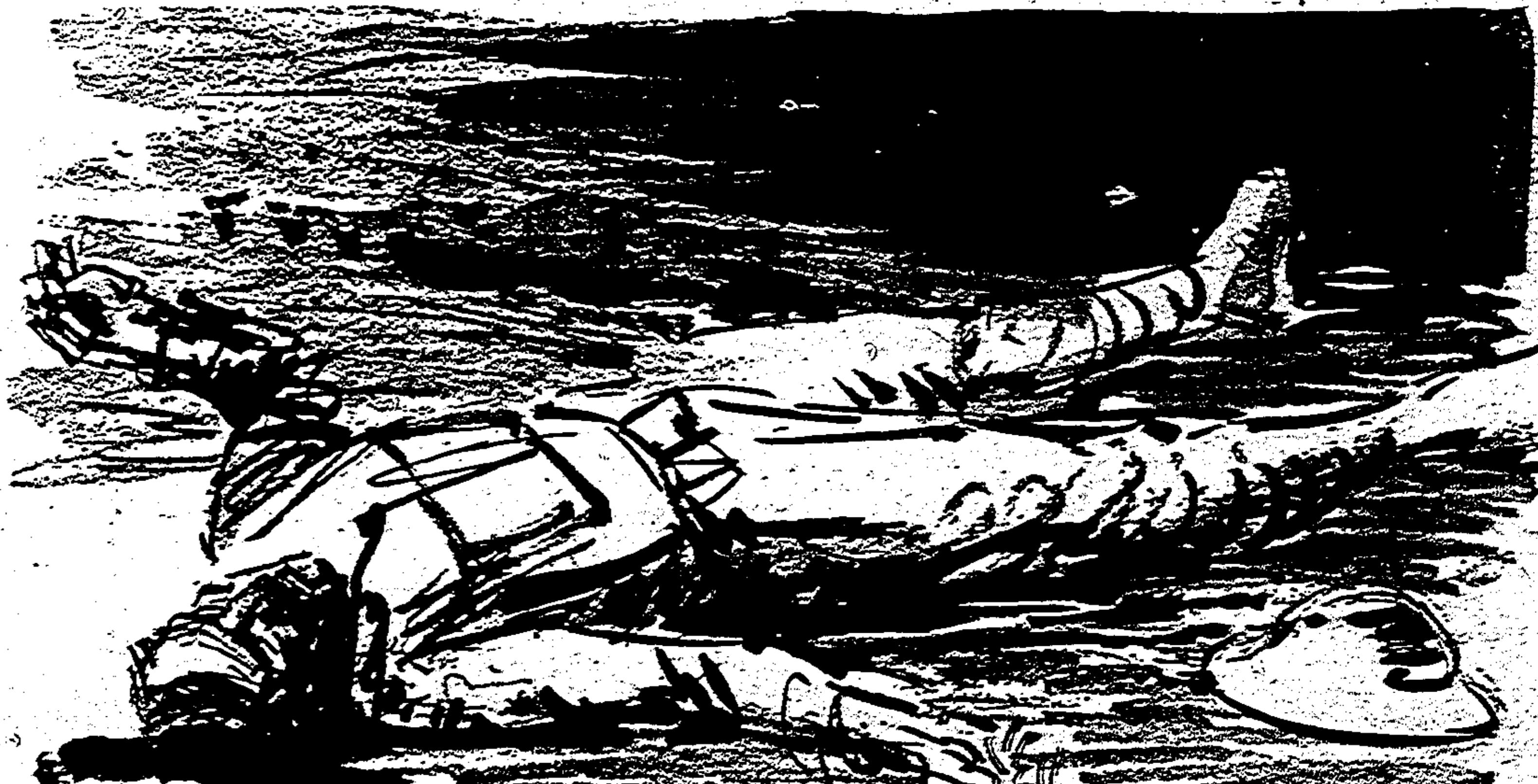
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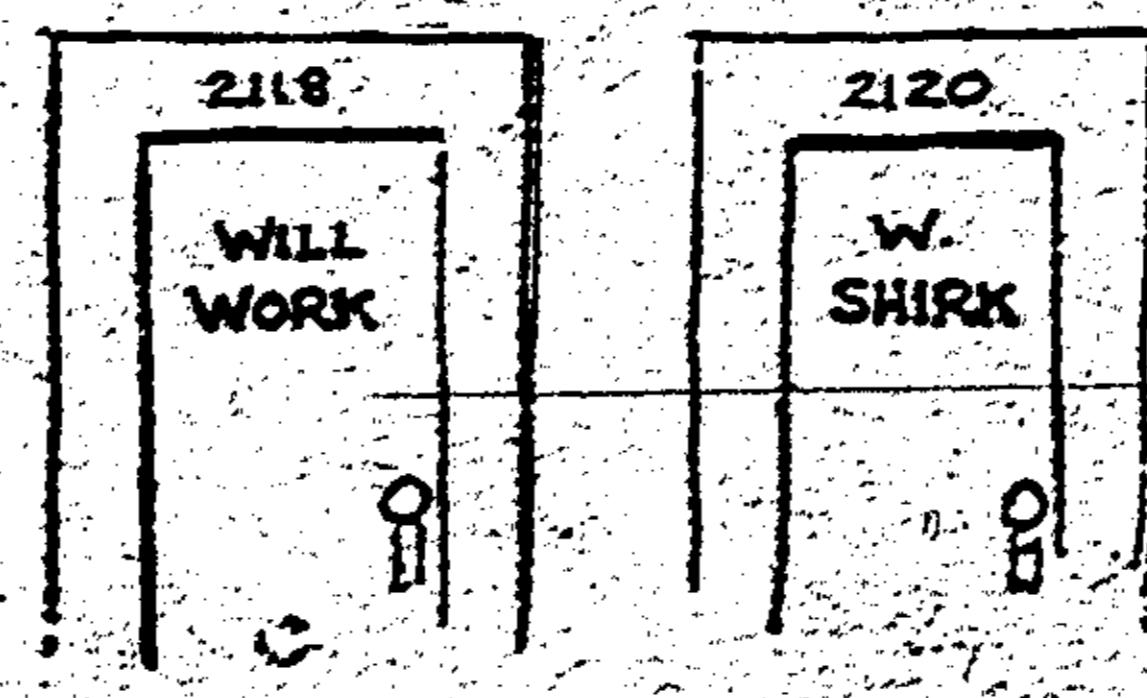
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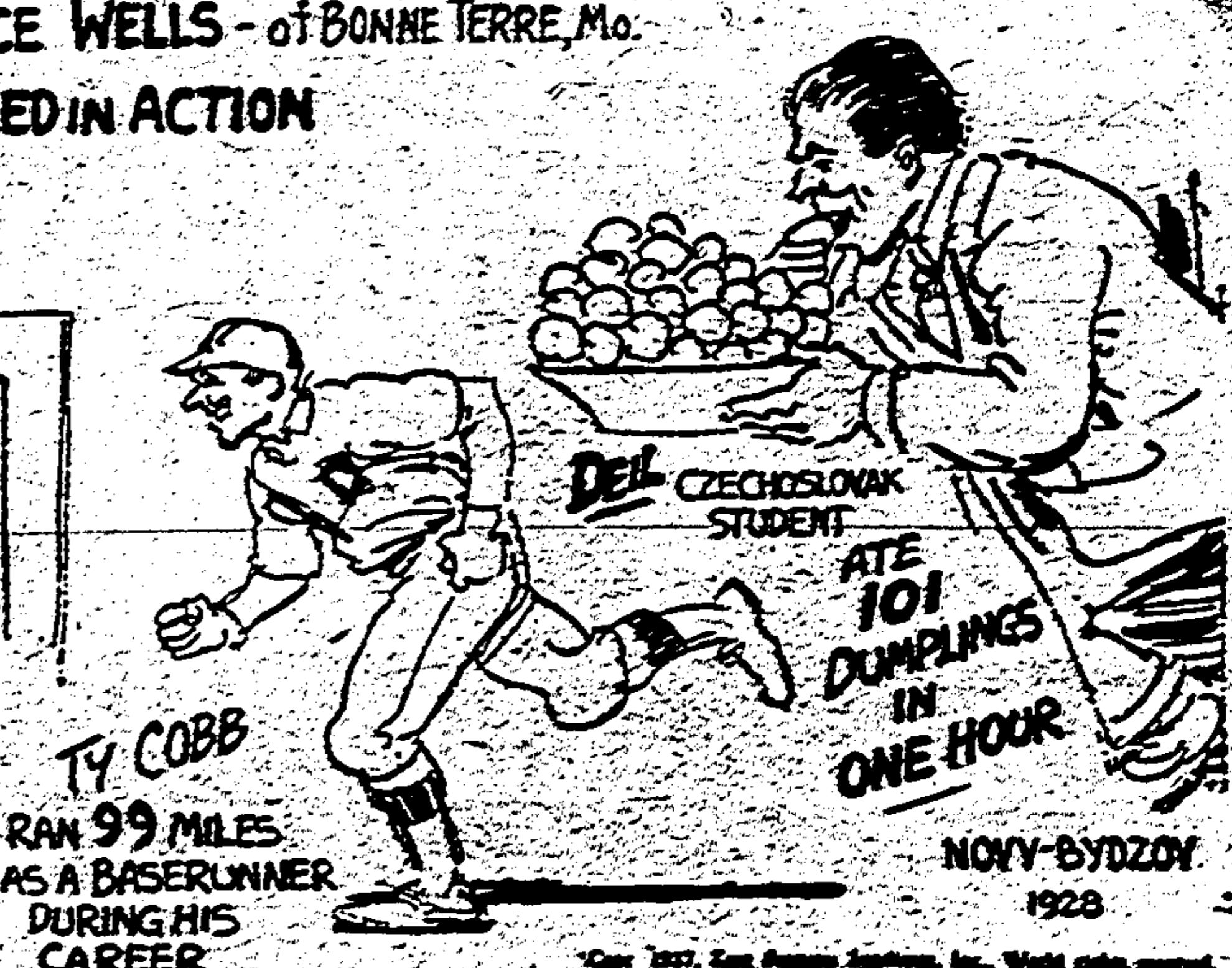


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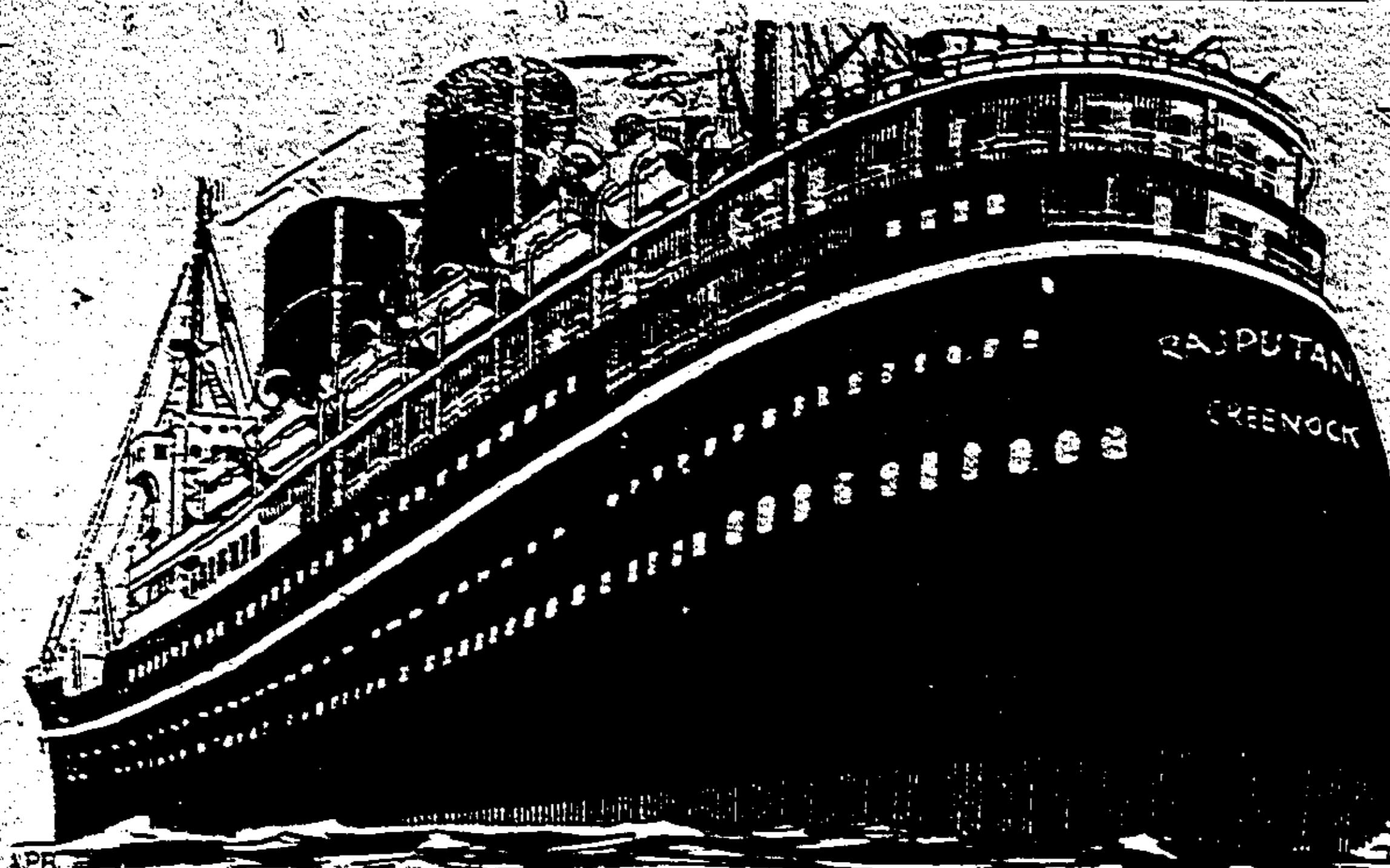
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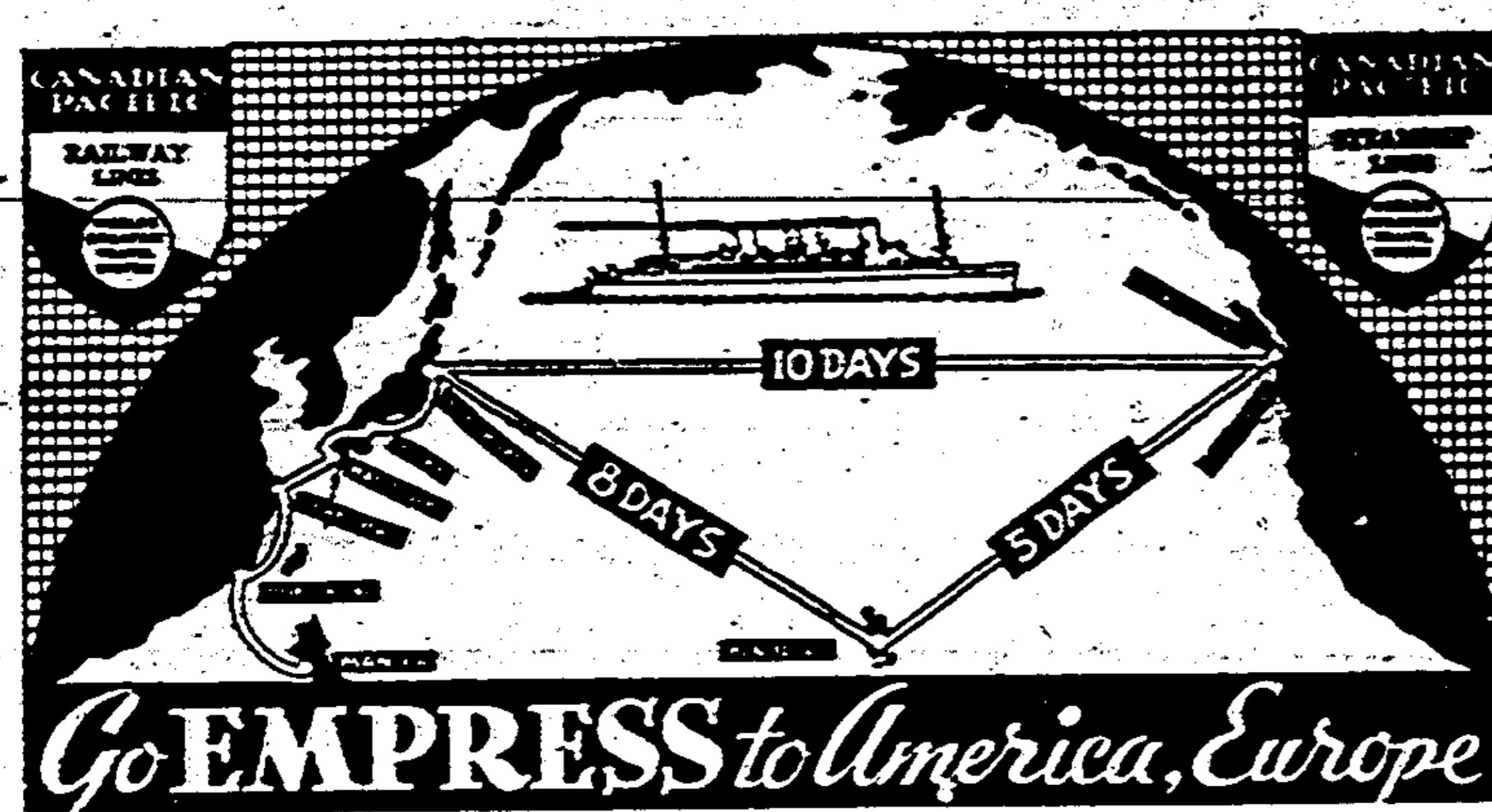
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RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS

Hong Kong (Loc. Reg.) \$91 b.

INSURANCES

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Douglas \$48 1/4 b.

H. K. Steamboats \$8.10 b. \$8.20 sa.

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Cements \$12 1/2 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

China Lights Rights \$5 b., \$5 sa.

**REMARKABLE
SHANGHAI
TRADE FIGURES**

Shanghai, To-day.

In spite of four months of hostilities and blockade of the China coast, exports abroad from Shanghai were higher for the eleven months January to November than for the same period of any year since 1934, according to figures released by the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Exports totalled \$169,131,000, bettering the 1936 figures, hitherto the highest, by nearly \$60,000,000.

Exports of oils, tallow and wax showed big increases, but on the other hand, drops were noted in cereals, cereal products, yarns, knitted goods and thread.

Imports for nine months totalled \$495,000,000, which, while slightly lower than the 1936 figure of \$501,000,000, nevertheless bettered the 1935 total by \$26,000,000.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 18-11/16 and "forward" at 18-5/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$1.9977 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$1.99-13/16.

**Singapore Raw
Rubber**

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in

Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan./March 24 1/4 b. down 1/8.

April/June 24 1/2 b. down 1/8.

July/Sept. 24 7/8 b. down 1/8.

Market: Uncertain.

SILK DUTY

London, To-day.

The Colonial Office announces the decision to increase by 50 per cent. quotas on artificial silk piece-goods imported to the Gold Coast.—Reuter.

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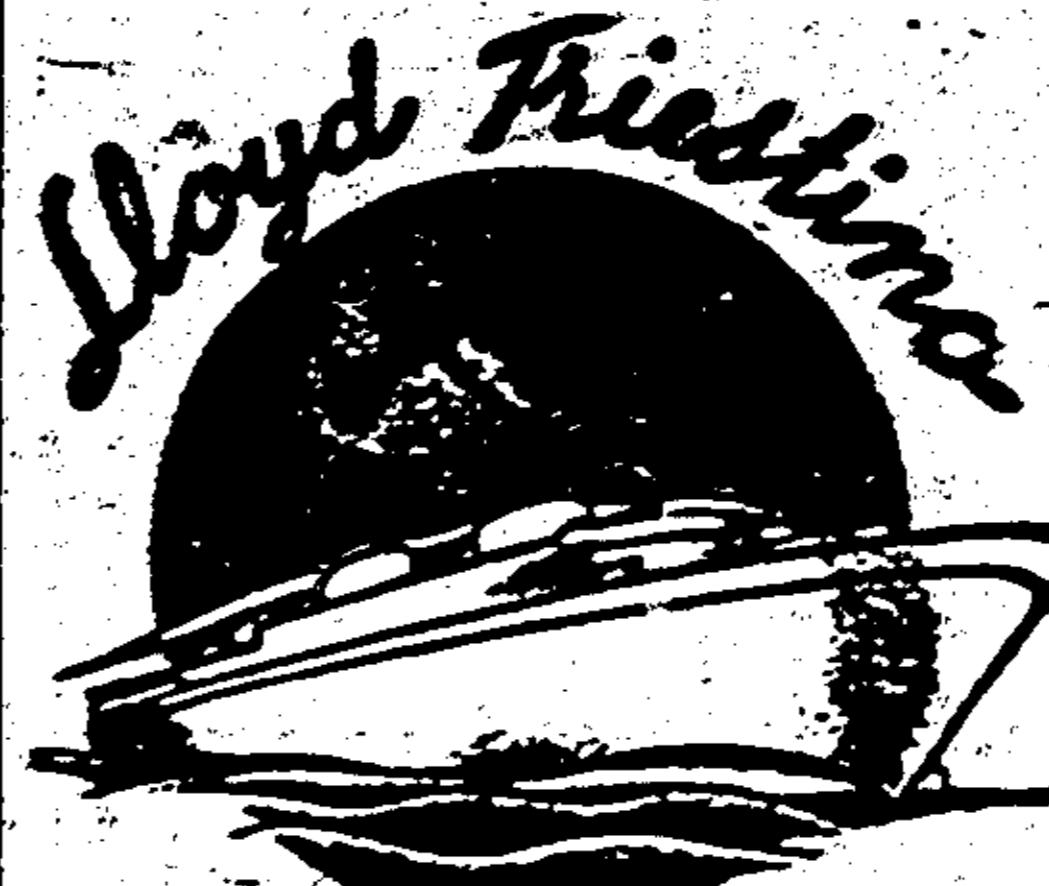
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THE REFEREE'S



A famous Canadian coach, Clint Benedict, is being employed by Wembley Pool-to-coach-and-search for promising youngsters to fill the ranks of ice hockey teams in the future. Most of the recruits are under 14 years of age and are very keen on their practical instruction which takes place at the Wembley Rink. The photo shows members of the two junior Wembley teams, the "Cubs" and the "Princes" getting down to it during practice at the Pool. (Fox Copyright).

THIRD ROUND TIES AS A RESULT OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Bury v. Brighton
York v. Coventry
Charlton v. Cardiff
Mansfield v. Leicester
Crewe or New Brighton v. Plymouth.

F.A. CUP 2ND ROUND REPLAYS

S. LIVERPOOL TROUNCED CARDIFF AND YORK SUCCEED

London, To-day. Several Second Round replays in the F.A. Cup competition were held yesterday, while two games which were abandoned owing to poor light, were also replayed.

Mansfield eliminated Lincoln by the odd goal in three yesterday, although on Saturday last they were being led by 2 goals to 1 when the game was abandoned after 62 minutes play, owing to bad light.

New Brighton and Crewe shared four goals yesterday in their replayed Second Round encounter, which was abandoned last Saturday with only six minutes to go and with Crewe leading by the only goal.

Cardiff And York Win

After sharing two goals last Saturday in their home match, Cardiff proved the better side in their Second Round replay against Bristol City, and yesterday entered the Third Round by two clear goals. In another replay in which four goals were shared last Saturday, York qualified to meet Coventry in the Third Round by beating Clapton Orient by the only goal scored.

Brighton also advanced to the Third Round of the Cup, when they trounced South Liverpool at home by half-a-dozen goals, after being held to a draw of one all last Saturday.—Reuters.

S. W. LIANG TURNS OUT FOR C.R.C. AT BADMINTON

St. John's Defeated At C. Bay

FREE LANCES JUST SCRAPE THROUGH

Contrary to his own statements made at the beginning of the season they will not take part in League matches this season, S. W. Liang turned out again for the Chinese Recreation Club last evening against St. John's in the "B" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League.

The Causeway Bay players secured the points in beating their guests by 6 games to 3.

G. A. Smith and A. Keown played up well to win two of their games, while A. J. Bennett and F. H. Kwok, of whom much was expected, only won one game.

At Wan Chai the Free Lances just managed to scrape through by beating Club de Recreio by the odd game in nine.

The following were the detailed scores.

CLUB DE RECREIO JUST LOSE

The Free Lances beat Club de Recreio by 5 games to 4.

A. L. Fisher and S. W. Clark (Free Lances), lost to E. A. R. Alves and C. M. da Silva 14—21
beat M. M. Soares and N. Beltrao 21—17
beat C. C. Pereira and A. A. Noronha 21—15
J. L. Anderson and Bovaird (Free Lances), beat Alves and Silva 24—19
beat Soares and Beltrao 21—10
beat Pereira and Noronha 24—23
L. D. Skinner and H. Harris (Free Lances), lost to Alves and Silva 10—21
lost to Soares and Beltrao 5—21
lost to Pereira and Noronha 7—12

ST. JOHN'S DEFEATED BY CHINESE R.C.

S. W. Liang and P. F. Tsoi (C.R.C.) beat F. H. Kwok and A. J. Bennett 21—15
beat P. B. Wilson and Norman Smith 21—5
lost to G. A. Smith and A. Keown 12—21
C. F. Chin and Y. W. Lee (C.R.C.) beat Kwok and Bennett 21—15
beat Wilson and Smith 21—17
lost to Smith and Keown 17—21
P. C. Leung and C. Y. Yung (C.R.C.) lost to Kwok and Bennett 13—21
beat Wilson and Smith 21—18
beat Smith and Keown 21—14

PROBLEM AGAIN

THE QUESTION AT THE MOMENT IS TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY MUST BE SOLVED BY THE RULERS OF THE GAME LEAGUE SHOULD PAY THE FEES?

(By OLD HAND)

Glasgow, November 13.

THE referee question, as it is termed loosely, will always be with us. There never was an arbiter who satisfied both parties—not even Solomon. There never will be a Soccer judge who will have approbation from the innumerable people who make up the ten or twenty or seventy thousand at a football match.

THAT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT EXCUSE US FOR ANY LETHARGY IN ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF REFEREEING. WE ARE NOT CALMLY TO SIT BACK AND SAY, "OH, WELL, WE CANNOT BETTER IT." EVEN SCOTTISH AND ENGLISH FOR THAT MATTER—LEGISLATORS HAVE ASKED THE QUESTION—"WHERE WILL YOU FIND BETTER? TELL US, AND WE'LL ACT." THAT SHOULD NOT BE THE ATTITUDE. WE SIMPLY MUST IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF REFEREEING.

Many suggested solutions have been advanced. In a conversation with one of the leading referees not more than a week ago I "dared" the statement—"We must either offer referees a fee that will make them independent of friendship with players or officials or get men who will accept the job without payment, as is done in Rugby."

I was scorned. "If you pay a referee a wage above the players' wage you will make him all the more ready to curry favour here and there in order to keep his job. If you appoint amateur referees they will not devote the study to the laws and intricacies of the game that professional referees undoubtedly do."

I retorted that we should, with amateur referees at any rate, have men who would not worry whether their decision pleased or displeased officials, and whose rulings could not be criticised officially by men who know little or nothing about the game save the amount of pounds sterling they had been unwise enough to invest in it.

WHERE SOLUTION LIES

"That's just it," replied my referee friend.

"The solution of the problem lies not in the dressing-rooms or on the field, but in the chamber of the rulers. The play about with the laws of the game and forget that it is left to one man only to interpret those laws in actual play. I don't believe there has been even one match in which the refereeing has given complete satisfaction."

In that I agreed to some extent. But I do assert that referees are influenced by too many side issues. How many referees of note, for example, have aspired to getting one of the "honours" of the game—a Cup final or an international match—and have expressed bitter disappointment on being passed over? I know a score, at least.

FAVOURITISM!

They allege favouritism. They have said—"Well, you know how he wangled it. If you aren't in with certain men on the committees you will never get the honour."



How to "get in with" the committee men is the problem in the minds of many of the referees—though this will probably be hotly denied by several who have made the grade simply through crafty manoeuvring. It will be acknowledged, however, that the authorities did to some extent endeavour to sever the "friendly" link between referees and players, officials, and clubs by prohibiting the referees from travelling with club parties and from accepting refreshments in the club rooms where the hospitalities are shown during and after a game.

But the authorities still leave a loophole for fraternising, and for the opposite—bickering—after a match. The referee and linesmen have to receive their fees and expenses from the home club at the end of the show. That occasion is all too often utilised by club officials for a demonstration of "gratitude" to the referee, or of umbrage against him.

LEAGUE SHOULD PAY

The opportunity for one or the other would be non-existent if we had amateur referees or highly paid referees. Neither would have the slightest desire to wait on the arrival of the club official who hands over the pounds and shillings of the home club. Referees under either system would, if common sense prevailed, be servants of the Association, and their fees or expenses would be forwarded them from the League rooms or from Carlton Place.

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BOAT RACE DAY ON APRIL 2

Tide Best At About Two O'clock

London, To-day.

The Oxford and Cambridge boat race will be rowed from Putney to Mortlake on Saturday, April 2, starting at approximately 2 p.m., subject to the formal consent of the Cambridge Senate.

"It is necessary to ask the Senate for permission for the crew to go into residence early next term, and to leave Cambridge before the end of the term in order to train on the tidal way," states T. B. Langton, the Cambridge President, "but I do not anticipate any difficulty about that."

J. L. (Bossy) Phelps, King's BargeMaster and an authority on tidal way rowing, stated that the tide at Putney on April 2 would serve best between 1.35 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.

J. C. Cherry, Oxford President, had the right to fix the date for next year's Boat Race, and April 2 is one of three alternative dates submitted to him by Langton. The others were March 19—considered to be too early—and March 26, when the tide would be unsuitable.

PRACTICAL PLANS

Cambridge will start serious practice on the Cam, and Oxford on the Isis. Later both crews will move to the Thames, and the last few weeks of training will be on the tidal way, first at Chiswick and later at Putney.

Questioned regarding his reported suggestion to abandon the Cambridge trial eights race, Langton stated that the race would most probably be held.

"The trial eights race has been fixed for November 27, and I think you can assume that it will be rowed," he said.

"I do consider that it is a waste of valuable time to select two crews the Continent for a long time. He is for the trial eights when I might be young, game, and tremendously more sensibly engaged in building strong. His boxing knowledge is up one crew for the Boat Race, but more than elementary, and, of the cancellation of the trial eights course, requires a good deal of polish—was merely an idea, and at present I have no intention of carrying it into practice."—Trans-Ocean.

ARMY CRICKET XI FOR TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

The following have been selected to represent the Army in their Triangular Tournament Cricket match against the Navy on December 22 and 23 on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground:

Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, Lieut. R. D. MacLagan, Lieut. J. M. B. Pontz, Cpl. Jones and Edm. Cheney (Seaforth); Lieut. C. E. Godby (R.A.); Lieut. R. A. Barron and Q.M.S. Ward (R.E.); Lieut. L. C. Beadnell, Lieut. M. P. Weedon and Pte. Hatfield (Middlesex). Reserve, Major G. P. Murray (Seaforth).

SCHMELING TO FIGHT NEUSEL

Berlin, To-day.

Immediately after his victory over Harry Thomas, of Chicago, Max Schmeling signed a contract for a bout with Walter Neusel.

The fight will take place in the Deutschland Halle in Berlin on March 13 subsequent to Schmeling's contest with the South African, Ben Foord, at Hamburg on Jan. 30.—Trans-Ocean.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PROGRAMME

Calcutta Cup Match On March 19

The following is the International Rugby programme which commences with the Wales v. England game, at Cardiff, on January 15, and terminates with the Calcutta Cup match between England and Scotland, on March 19, at Twickenham:

Jan. 15 Wales v. England (Cardiff).

Feb. 5 Scotland v. Wales (Murrayfield).

Feb. 12 Ireland v. England (Dublin).

Feb. 26 Scotland v. Ireland (Murrayfield).

March 12, Wales v. Ireland (Swansea).

March 19 England v. Scotland (Twickenham) Calcutta Cup Match.

THEY SAY—

Football is becoming more and more a young man's game. During the last few seasons the speed has increased so much that very soon a player will be classed as a veteran before he has reached the age of 30.—Charles Buchan.

The cause of Scotland's soccer international failings may be traced to the altered style of play. The third-back game and exaggerated "W" formation in attack does not give an outlet for the accurate, close passing game that was previously so successful. A return to the old style might bring a series of big defeats. But one thing is certain—the play of Scottish international teams could not be less interesting than it is at present.—"Tam O'Shanter" in the "Daily Herald."

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COLONY MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

H. D. Rumjahn And Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu Reach Semi-Finals

In beating Capt. C. W. Maisey and Mrs. Holmes by 6-2, 6-1 at the Indian Recreation Club on Tuesday, H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu have earned the right to meet A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Griffiths in the semi-finals of the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis championship.

Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu have been runners-up in this tournament for the past three years.

Apart from some few rallies in the early stages of the first set, Capt. Maisey and Mrs. Holmes were not impressive, and were beaten by a decidedly steadier combination.

HOLE-IN-ONE GOLFER AS GUEST

OLD CUSTOM NOW PASSES

London, November 13.

More golf clubs are abolishing the long-established custom by which a player holing out in one now the League should not pay re-stroke is expected to entertain fees and recover those outlays from the clubs themselves. Or is that asking too much from the League Executive?

Possibly one of the gravest reflections on the mentality of those who administer justice from either West George Street or Carlton Place emanates from the attitude of the "heads" towards "local" referees. Peter Craigmyle, of Aberdeen, for example, never officiates at a League match in which Aberdeen are engaged.

Football

(Continued from Page 18)

Clubs in the London district who have adopted a new unwritten rule that the successful player should himself be the guest of the day include:

Hendon and Moor Park, each with about 1,000 members; Wildernesse, Sevenoaks, 700 members; Camberley Heath, Surrey, and Hartsbourne Manor, Bushey, Herts, each with 500 members.

At these clubs the golfer holing in one is permitted to have lunch, tea and a reasonable number of drinks without charge.

Among well-known figures in the golfing world who would retain the old custom is Capt. J. S. Pearson, secretary of the Verulam Club, St Albans. He said to me yesterday: "Do away with the custom and it will stop all the fun."

POLICE TROUOUNCE NAVY AT RUGBY

Middlesex's County Triumph

London, To-day. One Rugby Union County Championship encounter was held yesterday when Middlesex triumphed over Sussex by 16 points to 3 at Teddington.

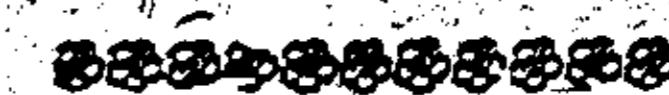
The Police caused a sensational upset in their game with the Royal Navy whom they trounced by 17 points to 5 at the White City.—Reuter.

D. Colman, the Aberdeen trainer, who is spoken of as a possible successor to P. Travers as manager of the Pittodrie club, was Scotland's right back in the three major internationals of season 1910-11.

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**SMITH'S SIX FOR 35
IN INDIA**

Lahore, November 12.—P. Smith, the Essex slow bowler, took six wickets for 35 for Lord Tennyson's XI. against the Universities of India in their two-day match, which was left drawn here to-day.

Tennyson's team declared at their overnight score, and mainly through Smith dismissed the home side for 139. I. A. R. Peebles took three for 64. They did not enforce the follow-on, and P. A. Gibb scored 50 not out in the second innings.

The Tennis Ex-Amateur

London, November 10.—Apparently I ought to have qualified my statement that a lawn tennis player who has become a professional can regain his amateur status by refunding all his earnings on court writes "Peterborough."

The French Federation allowed Paul Feret, who accompanied Mlle Lenglen on her professional tour in America, to re-enter the amateur fold under this condition. Palmieri, the former Italian champion, has also become an amateur again. But er who takes a generous share in the Davis Cup.

NORWEGIAN INVITED TO PLAY FOR ARSENAL

London, November 13.—The Norwegian team who played the Irish Free State in Dublin last Sunday visited the Arsenal ground yesterday. The party included Kvammen, the brilliant inside-right, for whom Arsenal were reported to have offered a big fee.

Mr. George Allison, Arsenal's manager, invited him to play for Arsenal against West Bromwich Albion next Saturday. Business, however, prevented Kvammen from remaining in England.

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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

	HOME					AWAY					Goals Pts. Tl.					
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	
Brentford (6) DwLID	20	10	6	2	2	23	14	14	10	4	4	2	12	15	10	24
Arsenal (3) DwWwW	19	9	6	1	2	22	14	14	10	3	5	2	15	15	9	23
Chelsea (13) IDIWI	19	10	7	0	3	24	9	17	9	2	6	1	15	27	5	22
Preston (14) IWdWI	19	10	6	1	3	20	9	15	9	2	4	3	13	13	7	22
Bolton (20) WdDdD	19	10	5	2	3	21	13	13	9	2	2	5	9	11	9	22
Leeds (19) dIWd	19	10	6	1	3	17	9	15	9	1	3	5	12	18	7	22
Wolves (5) DIW	18	10	6	0	4	20	6	16	8	2	5	1	6	15	5	21
Charlton (2) dLDW	18	9	4	2	3	15	10	11	9	2	2	5	10	13	9	20
Sunderland (8) DdDIL	19	10	6	2	2	19	11	14	9	1	3	3	12	23	6	20
Huddersfield (15) WwWIW	19	9	7	1	1	16	6	15	10	2	6	2	11	20	5	20
Stoke (10) DIWI	19	9	5	0	4	24	6	14	10	2	7	1	5	13	5	19
Derby (4) DdDwW	19	10	4	2	4	21	15	12	9	2	4	3	11	26	7	19
Mc'chester C. (1) dLdW	17	9	7	1	1	24	8	15	8	0	5	3	9	20	3	18
W. Brom. (16) LdWwl	18	8	4	3	1	16	15	9	10	4	5	1	17	22	9	18
Middlesbro' (7) dWID	18	9	5	1	3	22	17	13	9	1	6	2	13	17	5	18
Birmingham (11) wWdl	19	9	4	1	4	18	11	12	10	1	5	4	11	13	6	18
*Leicester (-) LIWIV	19	10	5	3	2	17	8	12	9	2	5	2	11	24	6	18
Grimsby (12) dLWd	19	10	4	3	3	12	14	11	9	1	4	4	10	16	6	17
Everton (17) WIWID	19	10	5	3	2	23	16	12	9	2	7	0	8	20	4	16
Liverpool (18) wLWLd	15	9	3	5	0	16	17	6	10	3	4	3	11	17	9	15
*Blackpool (-) LILdD	20	10	1	5	4	9	16	6	19	2	7	1	13	19	6	12
Portsmouth (9) IWIDW	19	9	1	4	4	14	16	6	10	1	7	2	10	26	4	10

	HOME					AWAY					Goals Pts. Tl.					
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	
Coventry (8) DdLww	19	9	5	1	3	10	5	13	10	4	0	5	17	11	13	26
Sheffield U. (-) LwWlw	20	10	8	1	1	16	9	17	10	4	5	1	15	16	9	26
Aston Villa (9) DIWl	19	10	7	1	2	21	6	16	9	3	4	2	9	12	8	24
Bradford (20) DIWdW	19	10	6	0	4	23	9	16	9	1	3	5	6	12	7	23
Chesterfield (15) wLdDd	18	8	4	2	2	18	13	10	10	4	2	4	12	11	12	22
West Ham (6) DIWIL	19	10	7	1	2	18	12	16	9	0	4	5	8	13	5	21
+Mc'chester U. (-) wWwWl	19	9	5	2	2	18	8	12	10	3	6	1	9	27	9	21
Burnley (13) dWIDd	20	10	6	1	3	17	6	15	10	1	5	4	12	20	6	21
*Stockport (-) IDwDl	19	9	5	1	3	12	6	13	10	2	6	2	10	22	6	19
Tottenham (10) IWlWI	19	8	6	0	2	17	5	14	11	2	8	1	15	22	5	19
Barnsley (14) dWdWI	19	8	5	1	2	17	8	12	11	2	7	3	12	23	7	19
Norwich (17) WdLIW	19	10	7	1	2	20	16	16	9	1	7	1	13	30	3	19
Bury (3) dWIWl	19	10	4	4	2	12	12	11	9	3	5	1	8	14	7	18
Blackburn (12) WIWLD	19	10	5	1	4	23	17	14	9	1	6	2	12	19	4	18
*Luton (-) IdWwD	19	8	4	2	2	17	11	10	11	3	6	2	15	20	8	18
Notts. F. (18) ILwWI	17	10	5	3	2	12	9	12	9	1	5	3	6	11	5	17
Southampton (-) WIWW	18	10	5	2	3	23	15	13	8	2	6	0	2	23	4	17
Newcastle (1) IWwWI	19	9	5	3	1	21	5	11	10	1	6	3	15	15	5	16
Swansea (16) LILID	19	11	5	2	4	15	11	12	8	0	5	3	7	17	3	15
+Wednesday (-) WwLIW	19	10	4	4	2	14	13	10	9	1	6	2	6	16	4	14
Fulham (11) DwLIL	19	9	2	2	5	13	12	8	10	1	7	2	5	21	4	12
Plymouth (3) WILIW	19	9	4	3	2	17	15	10	10	1	8	1	7	21	2	12

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	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.	
Notts. C. (2) IWwdW	19	9	4	2	3	13	7	11	10	6	2	2	14	9	14	25
Millwall (8) wdWwl	18	8	5	1	2	20	9	12	10	4	3	3	11	12	11	23
Queen's PR. (9) dIWW	17	9	5	1	3	13	6	13	8	3	2	3	13	15	9	22

TEXT OF JAPAN'S APOLOGY

London, To-day. The Cabinet was in session for two hours yesterday morning when it is understood the terms of the Note to Japan were considered.

In the Commons yesterday afternoon, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden made a statement.

He recalled that immediately on the occurrence of the attacks in the Yangtse, His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo made the strongest representations to the Japanese Government. The Japanese Government yesterday addressed a Note to the Ambassador as follows: "The Imperial Japanese Government deeply regret the occurrence of the incidents in which His Majesty's ships, Ladybird, Bee, Cricket and Scarab were accidentally bombed on December 12th in the neighbourhood of Wuhan and Nanking and I hereby offer profound apology in their name. I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Imperial Government immediately took the necessary measures to prevent a recurrence of incidents of this nature and to add that they will deal suitably with those responsible for the incidents immediately on the completion of

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heir investigations and are also prepared to pay the necessary compensation for the damage to your country. The Imperial Government earnestly hope that the occurrence of these unfortunate incidents will not impair the traditional friendship existing between our two countries."

—British Wireless.

TONKINESE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Under the auspices of the Residence Supérieure au Tonkin, an Exhibition of Tonkinese arts and crafts will be opened to the public of this Colony from January 13 to 26 at the French Building, 5 Queen's Road Central, 1st Floor.

The Official Opening will be made by Mr. F. Dupuy, the French Consul.

The will be shown works of art, paintings and sculptures by Tonkinese artists; a various and very interesting selection of Tonkinese handicrafts: tapestry, china ware, earthenware, crockery, ceramic, jewellery, cabinet-making, gold, silver, silk buttons, thread, silver and silk laces, silk tissues, etc., etc., and varied and detailed information about the wonderful scenery of a trip through Tonkin, Laos, Annam, Yunnan, and the very bold and marvellous mountainous railway between Hanoi and Yunnanfu.

NEW VICEROY IN ETHIOPIA

London, To-day. The Duke of Harcourt, newly appointed Viceroy of Abyssinia, sailed yesterday on board the cruiser Zara from Naples for Italian East Africa.

The Crown Prince went on board to bid farewell to the Duke.

The Viceroy is accompanied by the Minister for Public Works, the Vice-Governor of Italian East Africa, General Cavallero.

The Zara is expected to reach Massawa next Monday, and the new Viceroy will arrive at Addis Ababa on Dec. 24.—Trans-Ocean.

COMBINED "A" XV DEFEAT CLUB JUNIORS

Jones Drops Fine Goal

A fast and exciting "A" fifteen Rugby game was witnessed at the Valley yesterday when a Combined Fusilier and Rifles' fifteen beat the Club "A" fifteen, by a dropped goal, a penalty goal and a goal (12 points) to a goal and a try (3 points) after the Civilians had led at the interval.

Hynes opened the scoring for the Club in the first half when he raced through the Combined team's defence for an unconverted try.

Jones reduced the arrears in the second half when he dropped a fine goal from 30 yards and soon after Rowlands gave the Combined fifteen a further lead when he converted a penalty goal for off-side.

The Club retaliated strongly and Oliphant forced himself over for a good try which he converted, to once more give the Club the lead. A few minutes from time Fleming culminated a fine passing bout among the Service backs by scoring between the posts, Rowlands adding the goal points.

M. FLANDIN IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

The former French Premier, M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin, who is on a private visit to Berlin, was received yesterday by General Goering.

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The programme which begins at 9.15 and lasts about two hours is bright, fast-moving and novel, and comprises fifteen colourful turns, musical and non-musical, farcical and dramatic. The majority of the cast have had previous experience together and have earned for themselves a notable reputation.

H. E. the Governor and Lady Northcote have kindly consented to be present at the opening performance and a large audience is expected on both nights. Seats are bookable at Messrs. Moutrie and the ship's office, H.M.S. Westcott.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" is due at Hong Kong from Vancouver on Dec. 14 and leaves Hong Kong for Manila on the same day.

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The Canton Insurance Office have produced a very useful and attractive desk calendar for 1938.

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1. To receive the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1937.
2. To confirm the election of a Director, to elect a Director and Auditors for the ensuing year.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, the 21st December 1937 to Tuesday, the 28th December 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.

Hong Kong, 14th December, 1937.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 18th December, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th December, 1937.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1938, of two per cent. that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Wednesday the 22nd December, 1937, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 22nd December, 1937, both days inclusive.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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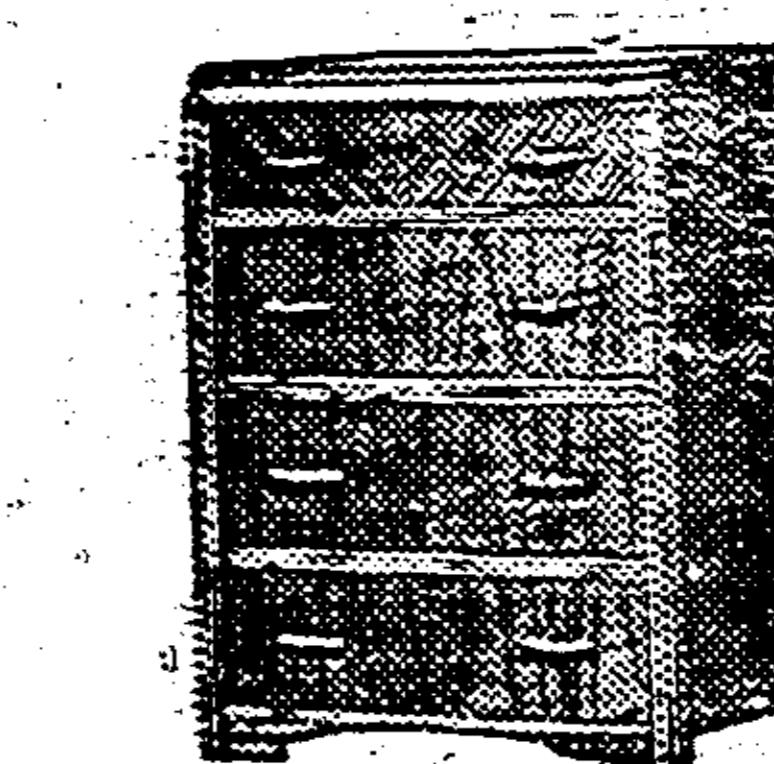
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EVACUATION OF HANKOW

Hankow, To-day.
Evacuation of Hankow by women, children and the older men, advised by the Chinese authorities, has assumed considerable proportions following news of the arrival of Japanese warships at Nanking.

Steamers and trains are filled to capacity, and the population is streaming out of the city in all directions.

Negotiations have been commenced for establishment of a safety zone.—Trans-Ocean.

GREEK KING'S VISIT TO BELGRADE

Belgrade, To-day.
King George of Greece, who is on his way back to Athens from London, will break his journey at Belgrade this morning in order to spend two days as the guest of the Regent, Prince Paul of Yugoslavia.

Although the visit is described as having a strictly private character, much political importance is attached to it in diplomatic circles, particularly as it follows immediately upon the visit of the French Foreign Minister to Belgrade and the latter's planned visit to Athens.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day.
The sum of 40,000,000 francs is included in the Budget for relief of peasants whose livestock has been wiped out in the foot and mouth disease epidemic.—Trans-Ocean.

TOKYO CONFIDENCE

Tokyo, To-day.
The British and American Notes on the Yangtse incidents are being delivered this morning.

Meanwhile, the Japanese press, commenting on the situation, voices the opinion that Washington will appreciate the steps the Japanese Government has taken and negotiations for amicable settlement are making rapid progress.

The "Nichi Nichi" remarks: "It is inconceivable that the incidents will impair Japanese relations with Britain and the United States in the slightest way." —Reuter.

CONSCRIPTION IN NETHERLANDS

The Hague, To-day.
The Second Chamber yesterday adopted the bill relating to compulsory military service.

Under the measure, the first period of training for all men not belonging to mounted corps will be prolonged from 5½ to eleven months, and effective strength of the home army will be raised to 32,000 men.

Democrats and Social-Democrats voted against the bill yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN WILL INSIST ON SATISFACTION

London, To-day.
That the British public is determined that Britain obtain satisfaction for the Yangtse incidents is the assertion made by the "Daily Express" in an editorial.

Newspapers of all political shades, from the Conservative "Times" to the "Daily Worker," ask the Government to demand full reparation and compensation for the incidents, and warn the Japanese Government that reparation must be made immediately.

The British public will not tolerate any delay, is the general opinion expressed.

The "News Chronicle" ridicules the report of a joint naval demonstration, saying such a step is not practicable.

"If Japan fails to give satisfaction, however, such a demonstration may be decided upon." —Trans-Ocean.

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It is announced that at a meeting of Members of the Kowloon Union Church held yesterday the Reverend J. D. MacLean requested the Congregation to relieve him of his duties on January 31st, 1938. This was agreed.

FRESH BOOMS THROWN ACROSS YANGTSE

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at present has reached Wu Yi, south of Chuchow.

Another Japanese column, which crossed the Yangtse at Chinkiang, is advancing on Kwaiyang via Yangchow. Report of Japanese occupation of Yangchow is not yet confirmed.

A third column which crossed the Yangtse at Hohsien in Anhui, at present is converging towards the other columns.—Reuter.

ANHWEL BORDER

Nanking, To-day.
Japanese intelligence reports state that the Chinese troops who retreated from Nanking are now taking up new positions on the Anhwei-Kiangsi border, 180 kilometres west of Nanking.

General Teng Shen-chih, commander of the Nanking garrison, retired north-west with the other troops from Nanking and is now in the mountainous region near Wenpu, on the northern border of Anhwei.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, To-day.
Questioned regarding reported Japanese naval activity in South China, a Japanese navy spokesman to-day said that he had no knowledge of the subject.

Asked whether he could give assurances concerning the safety of foreign ships in the Pearl River, he said that the assurance given in this respect regarding shipping in the Yangtse extended all over China.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.
While General Matsui enters Nanking from the east to-morrow, Vice-Admiral Hasegawa will land simultaneously from a cruiser and will enter the city from the west.—Reuter.

GOODRICH STRIKE IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.
Eighteen hundred workers are involved in a strike at the Goodrich-Colomb Tyre Works in protest against introduction of the Bedaux system.

The Bedaux system, evolved by Mr. Charles Bedaux, close friend of the Duchess of Windsor, concerns greater efficiency of production.—Reuter.

At the next meeting of the English Discussion Group at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-morrow at 8 p.m. Mr. Percy Chen will speak on the subject "Some Important Facts in the Present Far Eastern Crisis." All those interested are invited to attend.

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